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Former North Korean defectors living in South Korea float giant balloons carrying anti-Pyongyang leaflets at Imjingak park near the inter-Korean border in Paju yesterday. The leaflets criticise North Korea's ruling Kim family on the birth anniversary of late leader Kim Jong-Il, amid high tension over its long-range rocket launch and nuclear test.

Jamaat has no right

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this force. "I will not let them have that right as long as I am alive. I can assure you this."

Seeking people's cooperation to save Bangladesh from the clutches of Jamaat-Shibir, she urged all to stand beside the Shahbagh protesters. "We have expressed solidarity with the Shahbagh protesters."

Hasina reached Rajib's tin-roof house at Palash Nagar in Pallabi at about 3:45pm and stayed there for about 20 minutes. She consoled Rajib's bereaved family members and assured them of justice.

She later told journalists that the government has taken all measures necessary to ensure security of the Shahbagh protesters.

The youths have awakened the whole nation

after 1971. "Rajib's killing happened at a time when the youths have united the whole nation."

Everyone can guess who were behind the killing, said Hasina. "But I promise that we will not spare the killers."

Referring to Rajib's murder, Hasina said she had feared that something bad might happen. "And it finally came true."

Blaming Jamaat-Shibir for the killing, Rajib's father Dr Nazimuddin told The Daily Star, "My son became their target, as he used to write against Jamaat-Shibir."

Nazimuddin, a freedom fighter, demanded that Jamaat-e-Islami be banned in Bangladesh.

Locals brought out processions in the area demanding exemplary punishment to Rajib's

killers.

The body of Rajib, a blogger and activist of the Shahbagh movement calling for capital punishment to all war criminals, was found with stab marks near his Pallabi house on Friday night.

Meanwhile, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman told ATN Bangla that Jamaat-e-Islami should be banned for the sake of security of the people and maintaining peace in the country.

"A state and a government cannot tolerate such violent and confrontational attitude [of Jamaat]. Considering the importance of maintaining peace and safety of people, such illegal and violent party should be banned," the TV channel quoted him as saying.

Lankan army did not shell civilians

Says military inquiry

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lankan military investigators said on Friday that the army did not shell civilians as it crushed a Tamil rebellion, refuting international allegations of human rights atrocities.

Rights groups say the Sri Lankan military killed thousands of ethnic minority Tamil civilians in the shrinking territory held by rebels of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) just before their defeat in May 2009.

An expert panel set up by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has said the army committed large-scale abuses and as many as 40,000 civilians were killed in the last months of the conflict.

Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa's government has rejected the allegations and says its forces never targeted civilians.

It nevertheless last year ordered a military court of inquiry to investigate allegations made in a documentary on British television that the army targeted civilians with shelling, causing heavy casualties.

The court of inquiry on Friday refuted the accusations, instead blaming the Tamil Tiger rebels for the atrocities.

The military campaign was conducted "strictly in accordance with the 'zero civilian casualty' directive", the statement said.

The investigators also said the rebels forced children and elderly people to fight in their ranks.

GB directors should quit

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ministry last week.

The commission also reiterated that Grameen Bank is a government bank, not a private one, as claimed by its founder and Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.

"There can be no further debate on the legal status of Grameen Bank," said the commission.

It said the directors should also have a certain educational qualification so that they can read and understand the board's proceedings.

The interim report suggests that the director should have a certificate from a government-recognised school or madrasa showing that the person has achieved standards not below Class-7.

The GB board is a 12-member body. Nine board members are directly

elected by the shareholders and borrowers of the bank, while the rest, including the chairman, are nominated by the government.

The commission said the government should nominate officers as board members, who are not above the rank of joint secretary.

The finance ministry should scrutinise the minutes of the board meeting and ensure that the nominees have a certain academic qualification, knowledge and expertise appropriate for the bank's work.

The report said the government may nominate board directors from civil society but they should have appropriate academic qualification or work experience in rural development.

Grameen Bank Chairman Mozammel

Haque declined to comment on the report. The members of the commission could not be reached for opinion.

On May 15 last year, the government formed the four-member body to review the activities of Grameen Bank and the 54 legally independent organisations bearing Grameen names, and make recommendations on how to run the organisations.

The interim report of the commission led by former secretary Mamun Ur Rashid came amid allegations that the government-sponsored body is not functioning properly.

The deadline for submitting the report was extended twice due to long absence of one of its members and the resignation of another.

Initially, the commis-

sion could not function fully, as Moslehuddin Ahmed, a chartered accountant, did not attend office until September last year due to illness, according to sources close to the commission.

But by then, the first deadline for submitting the report had elapsed.

Furthermore, MA Kamal, the then director general of National Academy for Planning and Development, stepped down as the commission's member secretary in September.

The inclusion of barrister Ajmalul Hossain, a reputed lawyer, in the commission raised some questions, as he had represented Bangladesh Bank in its case against Prof Yunus after the microcredit pioneer was controversially removed from the bank in 2011.

Teesta deal soon

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enclaves/exclaves and adversely possessed land and demarcate 6.5 kilometres of the border.

The commission meeting ended with the signing of two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) -- one on the construction of Akhaura-Agartala rail link and another on the setting up of think tank Bangladesh-India Foundation.

At the meeting, a protocol on an addendum to the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the two countries was inked. The two sides also exchanged all the signed Strip Maps of the land boundary as part of the implementation of the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement and its 2011 protocol.

Replying to a question about the possibility of amendment to the Indian constitution to implement the land boundary protocol when main opposition BJP is opposing it, Khurshid said "... we should not jump to any conclusion about any major group of India opposing it."

"We are moving forward with full concentration and full involvement of all stakeholders," Khurshid said, adding that it was his duty to ensure that the amendment bill is passed in parliament with cooperation of all parties, including the BJP.

He, however, said it required two-thirds majority of the House to pass the bill. He said the budget session of parliament would commence in the last week of this month. "If all goes well, we hope the bill would be passed in this parliament session," he told journalists.

He said he informed Dipu Moni that the Indian cabinet had approved the constitution amendment bill.

On the commission meeting, the Indian minister said he appreciated that both sides have shown utmost sensitivity towards each other, in requirements and aspirations.

On Teesta water sharing deal, which has been stalled due to the opposition of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Khurshid said, "I would like to reassure you that India remains committed to an early resolution of the issue of sharing Teesta waters. Consultations are on amongst stakeholders in India," he said.

Asked whether the Indian government has reached an understanding

with Mamata Banerjee on the water-sharing formula, he said Teesta is a water issue and it is directly associated with West Bengal and "we have to ensure that West Bengal is fully on board with us".

"West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is a good friend of Bangladesh. She is conscious of her responsibilities on her shoulder and the responsibilities on her shoulder are very high," he added.

"I can assure you that there is no lack of goodwill and sense of friendship for Bangladesh and that's what will prevail," he said.

He said India and Bangladesh have already

exchanged data on the flow of Teesta at Dalia and Gazaldoba in the Joint Technical Meeting held in Kolkata.

Khurshid said they were committed to resolve the land boundary and Teesta issue.

On the Tipaimukh project, he reiterated that the Indian prime minister's proposal for joint participation and Bangladesh taking a stake in the project. "We are also happy to note that the second meeting of the sub group on Tipaimukh was held in Dhaka early this month," he added.

In reply to a question whether the issue of transit came up for discussion,

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said all issues including the transit matter came up for discussion. She said a joint working group was on it.

Asked about the youth upsurge at Shahbagh demanding a ban on Jamaat-e-Islami, the Indian minister said he loved to see the young engaged in the democratic process.

He said when the new generation is engaged in a democratic process in a country it gives a tremendous insight on democracy. The young generation may have their own view about democracy but it revives strong feelings and faith in democracy.

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Invitation for Re-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education.
3	Procuring entity name	Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP).
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Program Books for Developing the Reading Habit.
6	Invitation Ref. No.	SEQAEP/Procure/Program Books/G8.4/04/2012/340.
7	Date	14 February 2013.
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).
9	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Credit).
10	Development partners (if applicable)	International Development Association (IDA).
11	Project/program code (if applicable)	5-25-2531-5620
12	Project/program name (if applicable)	Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP).
13	Tender package No.	G-8.4
14	Tender package name	Procurement of Program Books for Developing the Reading Habit.
15	Tender publication date	18 February 2013.
16	Tender last selling date	04 March, 2013 during office hours.
17	Tender closing date and time	05 March 2013 at 11.00am.
18	Tender opening date and time	05 March 2013 at 11.30am.
19	Name & address of the office (Selling, receiving & opening of tender document)	Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP), Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shikkha Bhaban, 2 nd Block, 2 nd Floor, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
20	Pre-tender meeting	25 February 2013 at 11.00am.
21	Eligibility of tenderer	a) Tenderer must have 5 years of overall experience in supply publication or printing of books. b) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 03 years of specific experience in the supply, publication or printing of books and related services. c) The tenderer must have supplied books or printed materials or goods of similar nature under a single contract in the last five years is: Tk. 1,20,00,000.00 (one crore twenty lac) only. d) Valid trade license, TIN & VAT registration.
22	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Program Books for Developing the Reading Habit.
23	Price of tender document (Tk)	1000.00 (one thousand) only.
24	Tender security (BG/PO) BDT	3,50,000.00 (three lac fifty thousand) only.
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
26	Address of official inviting tender	Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP), Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education, Shikkha Bhaban, 2 nd Block, 2 nd Floor, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9555137 Fax: 9555134 seqaep@bdcom.net
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

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