

Govt now in dilemma

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The special envoy accepted Bridges Division's terms and conditions on funding, operating, toll collecting and other matters, said the sources.

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star that the prime minister was now to make the final decision.

Asked whether own financing would put a negative impact on the country's economy, Quader said, "The government has reserves of more than \$ 14 billion. Besides, the shipping ministry has a good amount of idle money and the expatriate Bangladeshis have some proposals to get involved in financing the bridge. So there will be no negative impact on the national economy."

Principal Secretary to the prime minister Shaikh Md Wahid-uz-Zaman said they were considering own funding to avoid contro-

versy in this regard, as Bangladesh has no previous experience of implementing such a mega project on a Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) basis.

He said the government would ask the five pre-qualified companies to bid for the construction of the bridge. "We are not giving up the Malaysian proposal either," added Wahid-uz-Zaman.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to unveil the government's latest plan on the Padma bridge project today.

She is also scheduled to launch a Tk 96 crore project to protect a construction yard of the bridge project from river erosion at Janjira point of the river Padma.

A large portion of the 76 hectares of land acquired for the construction yard went into the river over the last one year, although the government has spent several crores of taka to contain river erosion.

Under the project, a

joint venture firm will cut and fill 2.16 kilometres stretch of the riverbank and secure it with concrete blocks, geo-bags (bags made of special fabric), sand-filled gunny sacks and brick chips.

Bangladeshi MM Builders and Engineers Ltd and Indian Bhartia Infra Projects Ltd will complete the work in six months.

This sort of delays is blamed for the extra expenditure in the Tk 20,507 crore (\$ 2.97 billion) Padma bridge project.

Officials of the project said the international firm to be selected for the construction of the bridge was supposed to prepare the two construction yards, one at Janjira and the other at Mawa. They were supposed to spend money for their projection also. The government's responsibility was just to provide the land.

Project at a glance

The government as of January this year spent Tk 1,521 crore on the Padma

bridge project. Of this money, Tk 200 crore was spent for design and Tk 1,210 crore for land acquisition, requisition and rehabilitation, resettlement and compensation to the affected people.

Construction works of the 6.15-kilometre bridge was supposed to start in 2012 and be completed in 2015. Once completed, the bridge will link 19 southern districts with the capital. It will be a part of the proposed Asian Highway.

Of the total cost, \$ 1.32 billion is estimated for the main road-rail bridge, \$ 777 million for river training, \$ 145 million for Janjira approach road and toll plaza, \$ 33 million for Mawa approach road and toll plaza, and \$ 28 million for two service areas. Rest \$ 658 million will be spent for construction supervision consultancy, construction yard, land acquisition, rehabilitation and environmental survey.

Resist anarchy

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The crowds let out a deafening roar, as he asked, "Our forefathers defeated the Pakistani force in 1971. Now can we not defeat and eliminate the collaborators in 2013?"

Defying the looming threat of violence in the wake of Thursday's anarchy that left at least 37 people dead across the country, thousands of people joined the rally at Shahbagh intersection, now christened "Projonmo Chatter".

Anti-Jamaat and anti-hartal chants echoed through the rally venue, as leaders of different student bodies addressed the gathering.

Buoyed by the latest verdict of death penalty for Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee on war crimes charges, the Shahbagh protesters vowed to continue their movement until elimination of the anti-liberation forces from the country.

Imran requested all to come out and stop sympathisers of the war

criminals occupying the streets on the hartal days. Saying the anti-liberation force had been attacking the minority communities to create communal unrest, he urged the Muslims to stand by the minorities and build resistance against Jamaat-Shibir.

Alluding to the main opposition party, he said, "A political party has been patronising the war criminals. They too have called hartal. But we will resist it."

The Jamaat-e-Islami will enforce a two-day hartal starting from Sunday in protest at what it says is the killing of its activists by the law enforcers and ruling party men on Thursday. The main opposition party BNP will observe hartal on

Tuesday to protest the "mass killings by the government".

Earlier in the day, protesters offered special prayers at mosques after the Juma prayers for the salvation of the departed souls of the martyrs of the 1971 Liberation War.

They also called upon the people to observe today's programmes announced from the Gonojagoron Mancha to strengthen the movement.

The movement organisers asked all to hoist the national flag at every office, institution, transport and residence early in the morning and to hold demonstrations in front of every educational institution for an hour from 11:00am.

No trace

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According to this BB official, it is ACC's job to trace the money and that the central bank cannot do much in this regard.

Recently, the ACC has sought accounts information of 16 Hall-Mark officials, close relatives of Hall-Mark owner Tanvir Mahmud and his wife from the central bank. The BB has sent to the ACC accounts details of eight people.

"The Hall-Mark has diverted the money. There is no money in the accounts of Tanvir, his wife or the company," said the ACC investigator.

In May last year, a BB investigation found that the hitherto little known Hall-Mark and five other firms embezzled Tk 3,547 crore out of Sonali Bank's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel branch between 2010 and 2012. A

section of top bank officials helped the fraudsters by sanctioning the loan against fake documents and inadequate mortgage.

Sonali Bank's own investigation later put the figure at Tk 3,606 crore.

The detection of the scam rattled the banking industry, as much of the amount was taken against fictitious bills issued by equally fictitious companies.

Recent data shows Ruposhi Bangla branch is liable for paying around Tk 1,000 crore to 27 state-owned, private and foreign banks, as the branch had issued acceptance bills in favour of Hall-Mark and the five other companies.

Through the acceptance letters, the Ruposhi Bangla branch confirmed those banks that its clients -- Hall-Mark and the five companies -- had received

Hagel for closer ties with India

PTI, Washington

In a damage control exercise after Chuck Hagel's comments on India's role in Afghanistan kicked up a storm, the Pentagon today said the new defence secretary is "strongly committed" to a strategic partnership with India and to fostering an "even closer" defence ties.

"Secretary Hagel is strongly committed to the US strategic partnership with India and to fostering an even closer defence relationship with India," Pentagon spokesperson George Little told Washington Free Beacon.

AL, BNP ready to face off on street

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It urged people to take to the streets against the government.

It may even extend support for Sunday's and Monday's hartal called by ally Jamaat to protest the deaths of dozens on Thursday, BNP sources said.

The government, meanwhile, has decided to take a hard stance in containing the Jamaat violence and asked law enforcement agencies to tackle troublemakers at any cost.

The ruling Awami League-led alliance high command also directed its leaders and activists to resist the opposition agitation, particularly the violent activities carried out by Jamaat men.

"It's the last desperate attempt for their [Jamaat-Shibir] survival and the

government will control any situation following the law," Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury told The Daily Star Thursday.

Given the volatile situation, political observers say that street violence may flare up when the BNP starts its agitation programmes. And Jamaat men, who are now desperate to foil the war crimes trail, may use the situation as a cover to intensify their violent activities to mount pressure on the government and have its top leaders facing war crimes charges released.

"The situation may go out of control if BNP takes to the streets in the prevailing situation," said M Hafizuddin Khan, a former adviser to a caretaker government.

The two BNP

policymakers said the government and Awami League-led ruling alliance would get huge political mileage if they succeed in controlling the situation.

If so, the BNP's core demand for a non-partisan government to hold the upcoming parliamentary election would be buried and the Awami League-led government would be able to remain in office during the elections, the BNP leaders said.

The BNP-led opposition alliance could be weakened if the government won the battle by controlling Jamaat, they said, adding that there was no alternative for BNP but to gear up its agitation and use the situation in its favour.

"Now, the BNP's strategy is very clear. We will not let the government win. We will do everything needed to ensure the government's defeat," a BNP policymaker said on condition of anonymity.

The policymaker termed the prevailing situation an acid taste for the BNP.

Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman, a member of national standing committee of BNP, said the country was heading towards con-

frontation and the government was responsible for it.

"The BNP as a pro-people party will stand by the people and will gear up agitation to protest the government atrocities on people," he said.

Another BNP policymaker said the government would not be given a walkover in this situation. The government and the ruling party are trying to get the upper hand using the ongoing movement of the youth demanding death penalty for war criminals, the policymaker said after a meeting with the BNP chief.

"One road march under the leadership of the BNP chief is enough to counter the youths' movement," said the BNP policymaker, indicating that a road march would boost BNP's grassroots and drum up people's support.

According to the person, the media would focus more on the BNP agitation programmes and less on the youths' movement and the people would have another version of things going on.

The BNP has already opted for gearing up street agitations after holding party's national council in

the middle of this month to realise its demand for a non-partisan election-time government.

The BNP policymakers said the party council might be delayed as protest programmes were urgent now.

Satisfied with BNP's strategy, some leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, a key ally of the BNP-led alliance, yesterday said they would now be able to properly gear up agitation against the government.

Though the BNP extended support to Jamaat's hartal on January 31, it remained silent when Jamaat called hartals for February 4 and 5 and 18.

The BNP refrained from supporting the hartals after the youths began their Shahbagh protest on February 5. Their protest spread across the country.

The BNP did not hold the rally scheduled for February 9, under the banner of 18-party alliance. The rally was eventually held on February 18 without Jamaat taking part.

The BNP has already extended support to the ongoing agitation by some Islamic political parties.

Pranab arrives tomorrow

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in Savar to lay floral wreaths at 1:45pm. He will plant a sapling there and sign the visitors' book.

From Savar, he will go to Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, where he will be staying during the trip. In the afternoon, foreign Minister Dipu Moni and Finance Minister AMA Muhith will call on Pranab at the hotel.

At 6:00pm, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will meet the Indian leader and hold a delegation level talk.

Pranab will attend a cultural programme and dinner to be hosted by the prime minister at the grand ball room of the hotel.

On Monday, Speaker Abdul Hamid will call on the Indian president at his hotel suite. Leaders of Bangladesh-India Citizen's Council will also meet him at the Pacific Lounge.

He will arrive at Dhaka University at 11:10am and join the convocation procession. President Zillur

Rahman, also the chancellor of DU, will receive him at the university playground.

The DU will confer the degree of Doctor of Law Honoris Causa on the Indian president. Pranab will deliver his speech as the convocation speaker.

From the DU, he will go to Bangabandhu Memorial Museum on Dhanmondi Road-32 to place floral wreaths at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He will sign the visitors' book there.

The Indian president will address the Jatiya Sangshad at its special sitting as there will be no other business on that day. Officials said the speech will last about 15 minutes.

Pranab will be the third foreign president to address Bangladesh parliament. Earlier, former Yugoslav president Marshal Josip Broz Tito and Indian president VV Giri had addressed the Jatiya Sangshad in January

1973 and June 1974, respectively.

On his return to the hotel, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will call on him. The Indian president will then attend a reception by the Indian community in Dhaka.

In the evening at Bangabhaban, Bangladesh Liberation War Honour will be conferred on Pranab for his outstanding contributions during the 1971 Liberation War.

Later, President Zillur Rahman will host a state banquet in honour of his counterpart.

On Tuesday, the Indian president will arrive at Dhaka Cantonment Railway Station and signal a train to start for Kolkata.

The president is likely to take a 40-minute chopper ride to Narail to visit the ancestral home of his in-laws. President's wife Shuvra Mukherjee hails from Bhadrabila village in the district.

He is scheduled to leave Dhaka at 4:30pm on that day.

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Memo No: 722/DPHE/Store Div/Dhaka			Date: 20/02/2013	
Invitation for Tender				
Tender Notice No: 09/(2012-2013)				
1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of LGRD & Co-operatives/Local Government Division.	
2.	Agency	:	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).	
3.	Procuring entity name	:	Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	
4.	Procuring entity code	:	Not used at present.	
5.	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.	
6.	Invitation for	:	GoB Development Work.	
7.	Invitation Ref No.	:	683/PD/IDB Date: 19/02/2013.	
8.	Date	:	20/2/2013.	
9.	Procurement method	:	Open Tendering Method (National Competitive Tender).	
10.	Budget and source of funds	:	GoB Development Budget.	
11.	Development partners	:	Islamic Development Bank (IDB).	
12.	Project code No.	:	5200.	
13.	Project name	:	IDB Assisted Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Cyclone Prone Coastal Areas of Bangladesh.	
14.	Tender package No.	:	Cyclone-GD-3.	
15.	Tender package name	:	Supply field kits for water testing.	
16.	Tender publication date	:	20/02/2013.	
17.	Tender last selling date	:	27/03/2013.	
18.	Tender closing date and time	:	28/03/2013 at 1.00pm.	
19.	Tender opening date and time	:	28/03/2013 at 3.00pm.	
20.	Name and address of the offices for selling tender documents	:	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	
		:	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Groundwater Division, DPHE Bhaban, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
		:	Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka.	
No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents.				
21.	Pre-tender meeting	:	Place	Date
		:	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	21/03/2013
22.	Name and address of the offices for receiving tender document	:	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	3:00 pm
23.	Name and address of the offices for opening tender document	:	Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka.	
24.	Place/date/time of opening tender	:	Place	Date
		:	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	28/03/2013
25.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	As stated herein and Tender Data Sheet (TDS).	
26.	Brief description	:	Package No.	Cyclone-GD-3
		:	Description of works	Tender security amount (Tk.)
		:	Lot No-1	Completion time in (days)
		:	Supplying 360 Arsenic (As) detection field kits for water quality testing.	75,000.00
		:	Lot No-2	120 days
		:	Supplying 360 Chloride detection field kits for water quality testing.	100,000.00
		:	Lot No-3	120 days
		:	Supplying 120 Iron detection field kits with 120 refill for water quality testing	60,000.00
27.	Price of tender document (Tk.)	:	Package No. Cyclone-GD-3.	
		:	Lot No-1	Lot No-2
		:	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 1,000/-
		:		Tk. 500/-
28.	Name of official inviting tender	:	Md Abdul Monnaf.	
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	:	Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	
30.	Address of official inviting tender	:	Office of the Executive Engineer, DPHE, Store Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	
31.	Contact detail of official inviting tender	:	Tel: 9553107	Fax No.: 9553107
		:		E-mail monnaf@gmail.com
32.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
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