

# Malaysian PM dissolves parliament for polls

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak dissolved parliament yesterday in preparation for a general election seen as the toughest challenge yet for the ruling coalition after 56 years in power.

The vote is tipped to be the closest ever, driven by concerns over corruption, the rising cost of living and high crime under the Barisan Nasional coalition, which has ruled Malaysia since independence in 1957.

The resurgent opposition, led by charismatic former deputy premier Anwar Ibrahim, has gained traction by pledging to tackle authoritarianism and graft.

But with widespread allegations of vote-rigging, there are fears that the election, which must be staged in the next 60 days but is likely to be held this month, will not be free and fair.

In his televised announcement of the



Najib Razak

dissolution of parliament, Najib, the son of a former prime minister, urged political parties to observe the rule of law and promised a smooth transition of power if the opposition wins.

Najib is facing his first test at the ballot box since taking over in 2009, after the coalition lost its traditional two-thirds parliamentary majority in a shock election result.

Anwar was barred from contesting in the last elections after he was convicted of sodomy and corruption in the late 1990s - widely seen as politically motivated due to a fallout with then premier and his boss Mahathir Mohamad.

Activists and the opposition have made loud calls for free and fair elections, staging several mass rallies demanding such changes as a clean-up of the electoral roll, which they say is marred with irregularities.



A Palestinian demonstrator looks on during clashes with the Israeli army in Hebron yesterday. Palestinians across the West Bank and Gaza were observing a general strike, with prisoners refusing food to mourn the death of a fellow inmate in an Israeli jail.

PHOTO: AFP

# Caretaker govt takes oath in Pakistan

PTI, Islamabad

Pakistan's 14-member interim cabinet of caretaker premier Mir Hazar Khan Khoso has been sworn in by President Asif Ali Zardari with ministers drawn from all four provinces of the country.

Zardari on Tuesday administered oath to the 14-member caretaker cabinet as one candidate stayed away from the swearing-in ceremony because he is serving in a government department.

The members of the interim cabinet of caretaker premier Khoso were sworn in during a brief ceremony at the presidency.

The ceremony was attended by Khoso, political leaders and senior officials.

Khoso had on Monday named a 15-member cabinet but one candidate, Mushtaq Khan, stayed away from the swearing-in ceremony as he is serving as the chief economic adviser in the State Bank of Pakistan.

Portfolios are yet to be allocated to the caretaker ministers, most of whom are little known personalities. However, some of them are experts in their respective fields.

Khoso took oath of office on March 25 and had been busy since then consulting political leaders and other stakeholders on the formation of his cabinet that will serve till the general election on May 11.

# 36 Rajshahi

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Acting on intelligence reports, a security team raided Shibir's rented house at Sopura at around 12:00noon. Police later joined them, said Rab Director Lt Col Anwar Lotif Khan.

In the raid of over three hours, the law enforcers discovered that the house was a den of activists of Shibir's Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute unit, he said.

Police arrested eight people at the residence. Based on information extracted from them, law enforcers arrested 14 other Shibir men from a nearby dormitory for students and six others from another dormitory at Sopura. Seven Shibir activists were also held from Binodpur.

Of the 36, two were identified from TV footage and newspaper photographs. Of them, Asadul Islam of Bagmara, a student of Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute (RPI), confessed to hitting Sub-inspector Jahangir Alam with bricks on Monday.

Shibir leaders provide

the activists with necessary transport and food allowances and weapons to join processions and launch house at Sopura at around 12:00noon. Police later joined them, said Rab Director Lt Col Anwar Lotif Khan.

Another is Zakirul Hossain Rajib who was picked up in a separate raid at Rajshahi College Gymnasium around 3:00pm.

The arrestees gave details of some other key attackers who are yet to be detained. Shibir cadre Shahidul Islam, an employee of Islami Bank Limited Hospital at Laxmipur, was seen in video footage and photographs.

He had an orange-colour shirt on and beat up the police officer with his helmet, and took away the pistol.

Monir Rahman Gias, a student of RPI, was wearing a yellow cap and blue T-shirt during the attack. He hit Jahangir with bricks and took out his pistol from the holster.

Former general secretary of Shibir's Shah Makhdom thana unit Jasim Uddin was wearing a white T-shirt. Another three attackers are Rakib, Russell and John.

# BID TO SAVE 'ILLEGAL' HOME IN INDIA

## Family of five set themselves on fire

AFP, Ahmedabad

Five people set themselves on fire in western India, leaving one man dead as they protested official plans to raze their home in a drive to remove illegal structures, police said yesterday.

The five people, including three women, belonged to the same family and turned up at a city government office in the western state of Gujarat carrying kerosene-filled containers around noon yesterday, local police said.

Ram Sinh, a police official based in Rajkot city, where the incident took place said the group came "to request the officials to stop demolition of illegal encroachments".

"But when their request was not granted they poured kerosene on themselves and set themselves on fire," Sinh told AFP.

Municipal officials in Rajkot, located 125 miles (200 kilometres) from state capital Ahmedabad had declared the family's home illegal and issued an order to tear down the structure, leaving them in a desperate state, Sinh said.

"The five have been identified as Rekha, Asha, Vasumati, Bharat and Girish .... Out of which Girish, who was 35-years-old succumbed to injuries in hospital," he said.

The burn victims sustained severe injuries and have been admitted to a local government hospital, where their condition is said to be stable, he added.



# Madrasa fire: Myanmar launches probe

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar has launched an official inquiry into a blaze at a Muslim school that killed 13 boys, state media said yesterday, as authorities sought to dismiss fears the fire was linked to religious unrest.

A seven-member commission is to set up a "probe into the death of the young boys" in the Yangon mosque complex, according to the English-language New Light of Myanmar, which said the group would present its findings by Friday.

The blaze early Tuesday spread fears among local Muslims that their community may have been targeted following a spate of Buddhist-Muslim killings and arson that has spread across central Myanmar in recent weeks.

# 24-hr hartal

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Hefajat-e-Islam's Dhaka long march on Saturday.

The Islamist party had earlier announced the long march programme to press home its 13-point demand including arrest and trial of bloggers for "defaming" Islam and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Organisations including Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Prajanma Ekattor and Peshajibi Somonnoy Parishad will make formal announcement on the hartal at a press conference at the TSC premises of Dhaka University at 10:30am today.

Shariar Kabir, acting president of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, said the strike would be called to resist the Dhaka long march of Hefajat-e-Islam and demanding a ban on

Jamaat-e-Islami.

The long march is against the bloggers and Shahbagh movement, who demanded capital punishment to all war criminals and thereby, it (long march) is against the spirit of the Liberation War, he pointed out.

The long march is in fact a programme of Jamaat-e-Islami, said Sammilito Sangskritik Jote President Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu. Though the organisations sought support from Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF) for the hartal, the latter refused.

Talking to The Daily Star, senior vice-president of SCF Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shafiullah said, "They [pro-liberation organisations] didn't discuss the strike with us and we have asked them not to use the forum's name with this hartal."

# TIBET LANDSLIDE

## 66 bodies recovered

AFP, Beijing

Chinese rescue crews have recovered a total of 66 bodies in the aftermath of a huge landslide in Tibet that buried more than 80 mine workers, state media said yesterday.

A total of 83 people were buried on Friday when a vast volume of rock crashed down a mountain-side east of the Tibetan capital Lhasa, burying a mineworkers' camp.

The latest number of recovered bodies, reported by China's official news agency Xinhua, would mean that 17 were still missing.

Rescue operations resumed Tuesday morning after being suspended a day before due to fears of more landslides in the area.

The chances of finding any survivors are slim.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited by Hortex Foundation from the Bangladesh nationals for the following posts to be hired on contract basis under the Supply Chain Development Component (SCDC) of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP)-Phase-1, Hortex Foundation funded by the IDA (Credit #4386-BD), IFAD & GOB.

Sl. No.	Name of the Position	Required Educational Qualification	Required Experiences	Consolidated Salary per month
1.	Assistant Manager (Accounts) – One Position	M. Com/MBA	At least 05 (five) years working experience in financial management in agricultural/ autonomous/private sector in high executive and decision making post; experience in handling fund of donor aided project; knowledge in accounting software; literacy in MS Word & Excel; fluent in English and have proven communication skills.	Tk.1,00,000.00 including VAT and Taxes as per applicable laws of GoB.
2.	Driver (Microbus) – One Position	Minimum Class VIII pass and have valid driving license.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid driving license.</li> <li>Minimum 5(five) years experience in driving.</li> <li>Primary knowledge of engine and maintenance.</li> <li>Physically fit and mentally sound.</li> </ul>	Tk.20,000.00
3.	Driver (Refrigerated Truck) – Two Positions	Minimum Class VIII pass and have valid Heavy Vehicle Driving License.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid driving license for Heavy vehicle.</li> <li>Minimum 5(five) years experience in driving of Heavy Vehicle.</li> <li>Operational knowledge and handling of Refrigerated Truck engine and cooling system.</li> <li>Physically fit and mentally sound.</li> </ul>	Tk.20,000.00
4.	Period of Employment	Upto December 31, 2013 or upto the project period.		
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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

০১। সংস্থার নাম : বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, সাভার, ঢাকা।

০২। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং : ১৩/২০১২-১৩

০৩। মালমাল/কাজের বিবরণ ও স্থান : ক্রমিক ১৪ এর তালিকা অনুযায়ী।

০৪। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য : ৫

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০৭। দরপত্রদাতা/ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা : ৫

০৮। বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস : কেন্দ্রের রাজস্ব বাজেট।

০৯। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান : সহকারী পরিচালক (ক্রয় ও ভাড়া), বিপিএটিসি, সাভার এর দপ্তর।

১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময় : অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে আগামী ২১/০৪/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন পর্যন্ত।

১১। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় : ২২/০৪/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২ঃ০০ টা পর্যন্ত।

১২। দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান : কেন্দ্রের পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষে অথবা আঞ্চলিক লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, ৪৯, নিউ ইস্টার্ন রোড, ঢাকা।

১৩। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় : পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) এর অফিস কক্ষ, বিপিএটিসি, সাভার, ঢাকা ২২/০৪/২০১৩ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ০৩ঃ০০ টায়।

১৪। দরপত্র প্যাকেজ/আইটেমের নাম :

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০১।	ক) Bangladesh Journal of Public Administration খ) BPATC News Letter গ) প্রশিক্ষণ বর্ষপঞ্জি (কেন্দ্র)	৫০০/-	৫,৫০০/-	২০ (বিশ) দিন	স্বশ্রুতি কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদার/মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান
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১৫। যে কোন যুক্তিসংগত কারণে কেন্দ্র কর্তৃপক্ষ সকল দরপত্র/দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংশোধন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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