

Gentleman

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stardom last year with his viral video for "Gangnam Style", famed for the 35-year-old rapper's signature horse riding dance move. A satire on the luxury lifestyle of Seoul's upscale Gangnam district, it has become the most-watched YouTube video of all time, registering more than 1.5 billion views since it debuted last July. Psy has promised a "Psy-style" take on a traditional Korean dance for the new "Gentleman" video. "I've been working and reworking on it continuously and I think the latest version will be the final one," Psy told a South Korean TV news programme earlier this month. "This is another very rousing song... The dance is one known to all Koreans but new to foreigners. This will be presented in Psy-style," he said. Shooting for the "Gentleman" video finished on

Tuesday and it is not yet known when it will be released. Questions are being asked whether "Gentleman" will have the same success as "Gangnam Style", or if it will prove the global K-pop hit to be a one hit wonder. Gu Ja-Hyoung, a Seoul music critic, said the singer would be able to sustain his global appeal, having been on the South Korean music scene since 2001. "He wasn't just some lucky guy who happened to win accidental stardom. It's just that the world belatedly got to know about him thanks to YouTube," Gu told Agence France-Presse. "It will be hard to match the kind of success achieved by 'Gangnam Style' but the new song will let the world know again that he remains the brilliant showman he always was and always will be," he added.

Tribunal not happy with hartal absence

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before the court on three consecutive dates amid shutdowns. Senior defence counsels of war crimes accused Jamaat leaders had never appeared before the courts on hartal days citing "security grounds". Both the tribunals had repeatedly assured them of providing necessary protection in vain. The defence of BNP leaders Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Abdul Alim have however accepted the offer. In March, the BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance, of which Jamaat is an important component, called nine days of hartals, while six shutdowns have already been enforced in April as of yesterday. KAMARUZZAMAN'S CASE Yesterday was scheduled for deposition of the defence's closing arguments, but none of the senior counsels turned up. Shazzad Ali Chowdhury, a junior member of the defence, told the tribunal that his seniors could not come due to "unavoidable circumstances" and sought an adjournment. The prosecution vehemently opposed the prayer. Chief prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo said the tribunal had earlier announced that it would close defence arguments by Thursday [yesterday]. So, the court should reject the adjournment plea, he added. The tribunal said, "We are repeatedly saying that we will give police protection if you [the defence] don't feel safe [during shutdowns]. But if they don't come even after our assurance, what can we do? We have to close [the arguments]. "We repeatedly said that hartal has become a culture of our politics. Hartal had been enforced in the past and will be announced in future. But it couldn't be that the court

would not run for hartal," the tribunal added. Accused Kamaruzzaman, who was in the dock, said, "You have given many chances and please give me another chance. Otherwise, I will be very much prejudiced." The tribunal said, "For the last time, last time and last time, we allow you the first half of Monday. You have to complete your arguments within that time, even if any political programme is announced." The tribunal in its order said, "Proceeding in a criminal trial have to be completed by affording opportunities to both parties and keeping it in mind, the tribunal considered [the defence's] prayer seeking frequent adjournments. "But section 13 [of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973] provides that 'No trial before a tribunal

shall be adjourned for any purpose unless the tribunal is of the opinion that the adjournment is in the interest of justice," it added. Kamaruzzaman was indicted on seven charges of crimes against humanity allegedly committed during the Liberation War in 1971. GHULAM AZAM'S CASE The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday gave one last chance to war crimes accused Ghulam Azam's counsel Abdur Razzaq to place arguments on law point on Monday. "No further time will be allowed on that day under any circumstance," said Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, chairman of the three-member tribunal. Submitting a petition, defence counsel Muzahidul Islam told the tribunal that Razzaq, chief of the counsels defending war crimes accused Jamaat leaders, could not appear before the tribunal due to "personal difficulty". Seeking an adjournment till Monday, he said Razzaq would complete the rest part of his arguments that day. For the seventh time the defence filed an adjournment petition on personal grounds on hartal days since March 7. In the last 35 days since March 7, the opposition parties and pro-Jamaat student group Islami Chhatra Shibir have enforced countrywide shutdowns for 10 days. The defence sought an adjournment first on March 7 when Azam's counsel Mizanul Islam was supposed to begin the argument. The tribunal adjourned the proceeding until March 10 and the defence began their arguments that day. The defence again came up with adjournment peti-

tions on March 12, March 18 and March 27. Though the tribunal adjourned the proceedings, it tagged costs for those petitions. On April 2, the defence failed to appear before the tribunal again and prayed for an adjournment. The tribunal-1 allowed their prayer but directed them to complete arguments by April 4. However, the tribunal later granted two more days to the defence, who placed arguments on April 7. The tribunal sees no progress in Azam's case after April 7 as the country plunged into four days of hartal since Monday. On April 8, the defence prayed for two days' adjournment which the tribunal allowed. But they again sought an adjournment yesterday saying the senior counsels could not come due to "personal difficulties".

GDP growth to go down

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ratio of foreign direct investment to GDP [0.9 percent of GDP in 2012, versus the Ba median of 3.3 percent and the B median of 4.7 percent]," noted Moody's. Last year, it rated Bangladesh as a Ba3 median country (stable). Under the situation, the firm downgraded Bangladesh's GDP growth at 5.9 percent from 6.3 percent in the previous year. Sovereign credit ratings of Bangladesh give investors insight into the level of risk associated with investing in the country, which also include political risks. Two agencies -- S&P and Moody's -- have been assigning sovereign ratings to Bangladesh since

2010. Though rating is an annual event, agencies give opinion and comments on different occasions. In its earlier comments on Bangladesh in December last year, Moody's said external pressures had eased on the country as reform agenda took shape, which gave investors a positive note about Bangladesh. According to the firm's latest comment, over the past year, significant progress has been made on economic reform, with the government closely engaged with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under a \$958 million extended credit facility. Successful completion of the programme

entails adherence to fiscal targets, and steps to improve financial stability. This process will likely be complicated without the support of all political parties, mentioned the agency. A strong anti-incumbency sentiment, said Moody's, has resulted in a pernicious cycle between the two major political parties. While escalating political tensions in the run-up to national elections are common in Bangladesh, the situation this time around has been further complicated by two key issues. These are: Lack of a neutral caretaker government to oversee elections and the judgments announced by a

war crimes tribunal for crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971. These were perceived as too lenient by some parties, and led to widespread protests. However, Moody's is hopeful that risks stemming from the strikes appear to be manageable, for now. "A strong entrepreneurial class, which is most affected by such disruptions, is likely to lobby for political consensus, and increasing international involvement from the World Bank, IMF, Asian Development Bank and other stakeholders and investors is likely also to play a role in moderating political tensions," said Moody's.

Ways still there for talks, deal

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The ruling AL organised the roundtable, titled "Political Violence and Chaos", with HT Imam, an adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in the chair. Urging the BNP to sit for talks, Ashraf, who is also LGRD minister, said there were still ways to find a solution to the impasse over the process of holding parliamentary polls. "There is still a chance to sit for a dialogue and reach an agreement." Responding to former law minister Abdul Matin Khasru's proposal for enacting a law to ensure that parties which call hartals take responsibility for the resultant violence and

killings, Ashraf said the judiciary should not be brought into political confrontation. "Once courts get involved in resolving political confrontation, the result may not be good in future," he added. On the war crimes trials, the minister said they would continue and none would be able to hinder the process. "And the verdicts will be executed too." Ashraf claimed his party would be "100 percent successful" in tackling the present political stalemate and there was nothing to be worried, as the AL was well-organised under Sheikh Hasina's leadership.


Attending the programme, former FBCCI president AK Azad urged Ashraf to sit with the BNP for a solution to the political chaos. Sholakia Eidgah Khatib Farid Uddin Masud demanded a ban on Jamaat politics and punishment to all those who hurt the religious sentiments of the people. AL Presidium Member Nooh-ul-Alam Lenin, Forest and Environment Minister Hasan Mahmud, lawmaker Sharier Alam, Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Datta, journalist Abed Khan, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Nasiruddin Yousuff Bacchu and women's leader Rokeya Kabir also spoke on the occasion. 'GOTOUGH' The AL presidium, the highest policymaking body of the ruling party, yesterday suggested that the government go tough to contain violence in the name of political programmes. The meeting at Gono Bhaban, with party chief Sheikh Hasina in the chair, discussed the country's political situation, the party's organisational matters and the presidential election, sources said. The meeting spoke very highly of acting president Abdul Hamid, which, according to party insiders, was an indication that Hamid might become the next president.

Khaleda seizes cell phones

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body of the BNP, attended the meeting at Khaleda's Gulshan office in the capital with the party chief in the chair. Sources told The Daily Star that a number of standing committee members opposed the BNP chief's move. "Madam, are you suspecting us?" a BNP source quoted a standing committee member as asking Khaleda. In reply, the source added, Khaleda said: "Every detail of the meeting is leaked. So, you all deposit your phone sets." Another member of the national standing committee then said, "I can challenge that nothing was leaked from my phone." Some other members supported him, the source said, adding: "But the chairperson was not convinced. She was determined to take the phones." According to the source, Khaleda ordered two junior leaders to collect the cell phones from the standing committee members, who had the phones returned to them after the meeting. "This is real humiliation. It is a question of our integrity. The incident proved the chairperson's lack of trust in us," an annoyed standing committee member told The Daily Star yesterday, wishing anonymity. He added the incident made them upset and they could not participate in the discussions freely. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, who was present at the meeting, said he was unaware of the incident. "I did not take my cell phone with me. So, I don't know about this." Asked about the discussion at the meeting, he said it focused on the party's future anti-government movement. "We also discussed our next course of action." Rafiqul Islam Mia, another standing committee member, declined to talk about the incident. "Please

do not ask me any question about it. It is not a politically important issue." About the BNP's possible agitation programmes, he said the party spokesperson would disclose them once they were finalised. The BNP had planned to make April a turning point in its one-point movement to oust the government. It had

expected that Hefajat-e Islam would announce tougher agitation programmes from its April 6 rally in the capital. But the Islamist group did not fulfil the BNP's expectation, which annoyed the BNP chief, according to media reports. At a meeting of the BNP's standing committee on April 6, Khaleda expressed her dissatisfaction with the 18-party alliance leaders who were also involved with the Hefajat movement for not coming up with tougher programmes, media reports said. Meanwhile, the BNP has decided to hold a big rally on April 28 or 29. The date and venue will be finalised after getting permission from the police, sources said.




GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
HEADQUARTERS BORDER GUARD BANGLADESH
COMMUNICATION BRANCH, PEELKHANA, DHAKA
Invitation for Tender No 16/2012-2013/CB Dated 10 April 2013

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs/ Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh, Communications Branch, Peelkhana, Dhaka.				
2.	Agency	Border Guard Bangladesh.				
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Director General, Border Guard Bangladesh.				
4.	Procuring Entity Code	2231 Border Guard Bangladesh.				
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
6.	Invitation for	VHF 10-25 Watt Radio Set(Manpack Version)				
7.	Invitation Reference No	44.02.1205.005.01.416.13				
8.	Date	10 April 2013.				
KEY INFORMATION						
9.	Procurement Method	Open Tender.				
FUNDING INFORMATION						
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
11.	Date of Advertisement for Tender	15 April 2013.				
12.	Last Selling Date of Tender	12 May 2013.				
13.	Tender Closing Date and Time	13 May 2013 at 1200 hours.				
14.	Tender Opening Date and Time	13 May 2013 at 1230 hours.				
15.	Name and Address of the Office(s)	Address.				
	a. Selling Tender Document	Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh, Administrative Branch, Peelkhana, Dhaka.				
	b. Receiving Tender Document	Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh, Administrative Branch, Peelkhana, Dhaka.				
	c. Opening Tender Document	Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh, Administrative Branch, Peelkhana, Dhaka.				
16.	Pre-Tender Meeting Place, Date and Time	Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh, Communications Branch, Peelkhana, Dhaka on 02 May 2013 at 1100 hours.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
17.	Experience of Tenderer	As per Tender Documents.				
18.	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2,000/- (Two Thousand) each (Non- Refundable).				
19.	DETAILS					
	Ser	Description of Goods	Qty	Details	Tender Security Money	Duration of Supply
	1.	VHF 10-25 Watt Radio Set Manpack Version	50	As per Schedule	6,80,000/-	As per deed
20.	Sample to be provided with the tender.					
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
21.	Name of Officer Inviting Tender	Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Faruk-Ya-Azam				
22.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director Communications				
23.	Address of Official Inviting Tender and Telephone No	Headquarters Border Guard Bangladesh, Communications Branch, Peelkhana, Dhaka.Tel: 9650001 Ext 333				
24.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.					
25.	All proceedings will be regulated as per PPR-2008.					

Director Communications
For Director General

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000
Re-Invitation for Tender (Goods)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration.				
2	Agency	BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.				
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.				
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.				
5	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 500 KVA sub-station equipments.				
6	Invitation Ref No. & date	Memo No. 05.256.007.09.06.002.2011-994 Date: 10 April, 2013.				
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).				
8	Budget and source of funds	Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB).				
9	Project name (if applicable)	Establishment of the Regional Centre of the BIAM Foundation at Cox's Bazar along with the completion of the incomplete work of the BIAM Foundation Headquarter (Code No. 7011).				
10	Tender package number & name	Package No. GD3: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 500 KVA Sub-Station equipments.				
11	Tender publication date	April 11, 2013				
12	Tender last selling date	April 24, 2013				
13	Tender last submission date and time	April 25, 2013 Time: 12:00 noon				
14	Tender opening date and time	April 25, 2013 Time: 12:30pm				
15	Name & address of the office(s)	Address: Room No. 402-403, BIAM Foundation Building, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.				
	-Selling tender document	Project Director's Office, Room No. 402, BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.				
	-Receiving tender document	Project Director's Office, Room No. 402, BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.				
	-Opening tender document	Project Director's Office, Room No. 402, BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.				
16	Pre-tender meeting	A pre-tender meeting will be held on April 16, 2013 at 3:00pm at Project Director's Office.				
17	Eligibility of tenderer(s)	Tenderer(s) shall have to fulfill the following eligibility criteria: I. Tenderers shall have minimum 5 (five) years specific experience. II. Experience in successful completion of minimum 2 (two) Nos. of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of minimum 400 KVA Sub-station in the last 4 (four) years in Bangladesh. III. Tenderer(s) must have credit line facilities of at least Tk. 75.00 lac after tender publication date supported by documentary evidence. IV. Tenderer(s) must have complete physical facilities to provide after sale services during and after the warranty period is over. V. Tenderer(s) shall have up-to-date valid Trade License, Income Tax certificate with TIN No, VAT Registration Certificate and ABC Electrical Supervisory License. N.B. The intending tenderer(s) shall have to submit attested copies of the following certificates along with application to the Project Director in the letterhead of the company to purchase the tender document(s): I. Certificates confirming the experiences as stated in clause (i) and (ii) of the eligibility of tenderer(s). II. Up-to-date valid Trade License, Income Tax certificate with TIN No, VAT Registration Certificate and ABC Electrical Supervisory License.				
18	Identification of lots, tender security, completion time and price of tender document					
	Pkg. No.	Identification	Location	Tender security amount in Tk (by Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee)	Completion time	Price of tender document
	Pkg. No.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 500 KVA Sub-station equipment.	BIAM Foundation, Cox's Bazar	Tk. 3,50,000.00	06 (six) weeks	Tk. 3,000.00
19	Name of official inviting tender Shah Muhammad Nasim.					
20	Designation of official inviting tender Project Director.					
21	Address of official inviting tender Room No. 402, BIAM Foundation, 63, New Eskaton, Dhaka-1000.					
22	Contact details of official inviting tender Tel: 9349039 Fax: 9332865 e.mail: shahmnasim@yahoo.com					
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without showing any reason.					
24	Special instruction: (a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of goods will be guided as per rule of 'The Public Procurement Rules 2008'. (b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the schedule date due to any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and place. (c) Any tenderer can send the filled in tender by post or courier service or by hand before the last date and time of receiving tender. N.B. This notice will also be available in the website of BIAM Foundation at www.biamfoundation.com as well as CPTU website at www.cptu.gov.bd					

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Project Director

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