

Mamata promises to learn from mistakes

PTI, Kolkata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday said that her government might have committed '2 or 3' mistakes in the past two years, but would learn from them in the New Year.

"In the last 2 years, there have been hundreds of examples of development in Bengal. We also may have made two or three mistakes. But we will learn from our mistakes in the New Year," Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien said quoting the chief minister whom he met at her residence on Bengali New Year's Day.

He said that it was the Trinamool Congress chief who did not allow a Trinamool unit at the Presidency University even though the party ran 360 out of the 425 college unions in West Bengal.

Afghan opium cultivation to rise

REUTERS, Vienna

Afghan farmers attracted by high prices are likely to cultivate more opium this year, lining the pockets of traffickers and Taliban insurgents alike, a UN report said yesterday.

Afghanistan supplies about 90 percent of the world's opium, from which heroin is made, and its poppy-driven economy is helping to fuel the 12-year-long war.

Experts say uncertainty over the future after most foreign forces withdraw from Afghanistan by the end of 2014 could help cause a surge in opium growth as a means of generating cash.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said its latest report indicated a "strong association" between insecurity, lack of agricultural aid, and opium cultivation.

Villages with poor security and those which had not received agricultural help were much more likely to grow poppies in 2013 than those with good security and those which had received aid, it said.

Twelve provinces were forecast to show a rise in opium cultivation this year, according to the report by the Vienna-based UNODC and Afghanistan's Ministry of Counter Narcotics.

They included the southern provinces of Kandahar and Helmand - strongholds of the Taliban-led insurgency. This would follow a low yield last year caused by poppy disease and bad weather.

Helmand was expected to remain the biggest cultivating province.

"Opium prices, albeit lower than in 2010 and 2011, were still at a much higher level than between 2005 and 2009 making opium cultivation financially very attractive for farmers," the report said.

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When university correspondents of media houses approached them to know as to what they were doing and their identity, they claimed that they were activists of Chhatra League's Salimullah Muslim Hall unit.

When the journalists were asking Asif Uddin Ahmed why he was extorting people, his cohorts brought sticks from the dormitory along with 15 more men and began beating up the journalists.

They assaulted daily Prothom Alo correspondent Ahmed Zayeeef, Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha correspondent Maloy Kumar Dutta, bdnews 24.com correspondent Sujon Mondol, The Daily Star correspondent Protik Chakrabarty and third year journalism student Dulal Samaddar.

They also attacked Prothom Alo senior correspondent Shariful Hasan when he tried to save the journalists.

About an hour later,

University Proctor Amzad Ali, Chhatra League university unit President Mehedi Hasan and General Secretary Omar Sharif went to the spot and identified the six second-year students of the dormitory responsible for extortion.

All of them admitted to extortion and mentioned the names of about 15 others who had attacked the journalists.

DU Proctor Amzad said the university would form a probe body to look into the incident.

Central Chhatra League said it has formed a five-member probe body to investigate the incident.

Baishakh boat ride turns fatal

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missing since the accident took place. A class I student of Sordoho Government Primary School, Turinuzzaman had joined the river cruise with his sister-in-law.

The boat that could accommodate only 25 people had 50 passengers when it overturned in the river around 8:00pm on Sunday, survivors said. The boat was then returning to Niribili Park near Rajshahi Cadet College after a short river cruise, said Maj Sulaiman, second-in-command of the 37 Border Guard Bangladesh Battalion (BGB).

The accident had occurred because of over-

loading of the boat and gusty winds, he said.

According to the survivors, 20 to 30 more people boarded the boat, ignoring the boatman's warning against overcrowding.

"As the water started entering the boat, the boatman tried to keep control over it. When he failed, he jumped into the river, leaving behind the passengers screaming," said Sazzad Hossain, Charchat municipality ward councillor who witnessed the incident.

Many of the passengers managed to swim ashore while some others were rescued by river cruising boats.

On information, BGB divers rushed there and

searched for the missing four throughout the night but failed.

Fire fighters, along with local people, recovered Rafiqul's body around 9:00am. Half an hour later, Nurul Islam, a fisherman, recovered the bodies of Mukti, a class VII student of Sardah Government Pilot High School, and Ashif, a class I student of Sardah Model Primary School, by casting his fishing net near the accident spot.

The namaj-e-janaza of the three dead was held together at Muktarpur Eidgah after the Johr prayers. They were buried at their family graveyards.

Shahbagh youths take up series

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4:00pm demanding a ban on the political party and its student front.

On the May Day, the Mancha will organise a grand rally for workers at Shahbagh.

Meanwhile, from April 20 to May 4, the activists will conduct a country-wide campaign to drum up support for their agendas.

The Mancha will also hold a view exchange for its activists and representatives from across the country on April 27 in Dhaka.

Recalling, the 2001 bomb attack on the Barshabaran [Bangla New Year] programme of Chhayanaaut that killed 10 people, Imran H Sarkar said "Justice is still pending."

"The vicious Jamaat-Shibir taking different names are still trying to harm our cultural movements," he said, adding that the Gonojagoron Mancha was demanding a ban on the politics of Jamaat because of that.

He said the programmes were aimed to involve

more people and make the movement more dynamic.

Meanwhile, the daylong cultural events at Gonojagoron Mancha attracted people of all walks of life in celebration of the first day of the Bangla calendar.

In the afternoon, the protesters at Shahbagh joined hands and held them high in a harmony bond for three minutes. This was to signify the secular nature of Pahela Baishakh.

Around 7:30pm, they lit thousands of lamps and

candles as part of a country-wide programme titled Aloker ei jhorna dhara [The spring of light].

For many, especially the youth, the Pahela Baishakh festivities were also marked by the promise of a better Bangladesh free from communalism, petty power politics and fanaticism, said college student Rifat Nabi.

"The Bangla New Year is not only about festivities, it is integral to our history, to our struggles and sacrifices," said Imran H Sarkar.

Pak tribunal rejects Musharraf's appeal

PTI, Islamabad

A Pakistani election tribunal yesterday rejected former president Pervez Musharraf's appeal against the rejection of his nomination papers for a parliamentary constituency in the southern port city of Karachi.

Musharraf's nomination papers for parliamentary constituency number 250 were rejected after another candidate challenged them on the grounds that the former military ruler had violated the Constitution and sacked members of the superior judiciary during the 2007 emergency.

The tribunal comprising High Court judges today rejected Musharraf's appeal.

Musharraf had plans to contest polls from four parliamentary seats but his nomination papers were rejected by Returning Officers in Karachi, Kasur and Islamabad.

Though his papers were accepted in Chitral, several lawyers have filed objections against his candidature.

Mujib survived

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embassy cable from Dhaka to Washington, part of the Kissinger cables obtained and recently published by WikiLeaks.

According to the cable, the Bangladeshi press was under government orders not to report it.

"We have received two reports that President Mujibur Rahman was target of assassination attempt on evening of May 21," the cable, sent on May 23, 1975, noted.

"Attempt occurred as Mujib was returning to his residence after visiting new TV station on outskirts of Dacca [Dhaka]."

The "primary source" of the information was the embassy's "Bangalee political assistant who says he was told by deputy superintendent of police assigned to President's security unit. Other is journalist who told information officer Alpern. Both accounts say grenade used. According [to] pressman's report, Mujib escaped uninjured but two unidentified persons were injured. He adds press given strict instructions by press information department to suppress story."

Relations between the

US and Mujib were strained because of the Nixon administration's close ties to Pakistan generally, and during the Liberation War, 1971.

Cables sent after the assassination and military coup reflect American concerns about the direction in which Bangladesh was headed.

In one cable, the US embassy reported that there was a "calm acceptance, and perhaps some sense of relief" at his death, though "no particular jubilation."

The new government was "still a collection of overly familiar figures identified with the poor administration of post-liberation Bangladesh," the cable observed, but seemed to think it would offer more "moderation," and would have more "balance" in its relations with the Cold War powers.


"The quickening tempo of Sheikh Mujib's efforts since early June to insure his stranglehold on power, together with the growing influence of his nephew Sheikh Moni, doubtless made the coup plotters conclude that no further delays in taking action was possible. That India's

Independence Day was chosen may have been merely incidental, but we note the coincidence," the cable said.

The US was concerned if India would interfere in Bangladesh again. Its embassy in New Delhi reported back comments of Indian army officers: "We have not seen or heard anything that would indicate that the Indian army eastern command has taken any special measures in connection with the Bangladesh coup, although our ability to monitor such developments is of course limited."

India, of course, had reservations over the coup. This is made clear in a conversation, between a US embassy official and a Ministry of External Affairs functionary, who expressed concern over the new Bangladesh government's foreign policy.

Just as Bangladesh told its media to keep mum on the assassination bid, India also asked its media to be silent after the coup. "A press source told us August 15 that GoI censors have prohibited editorial comment on Bangladesh developments."



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Structures for Poultry and for Goat Sheds

Credit No. 4507 – BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Packages No.5G3.L and 3G35.L

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of goods against two Livestock packages. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Structures for Poultry and for Goat sheds. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items/similar items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is between 12 (twelve) weeks to 20 (twenty) weeks from the date of issuance of the Notification of the Award (NoA).

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the ECRRP office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh (Hs. # 27, Rd. # 9/A, Apt. # A-1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka – 1209, Telephone 8130758/104) during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 16:30 Hrs. A complete set of bidding documents for each package in English may be purchased by the interested bidders from the ECRRP office of FAO on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned below. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount mentioned below.

Package No.	Item	Quantity/ Nos.	Bid Security (Tk.)	Price of Bid Document (Tk.)
5G3.L	Structure for Poultry Sheds	2,500 Nos.	300,000	2,000
3G35.L	Structure for Goat Sheds	1,000 Nos.	200,000	2,000

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 14:00 Hrs. on **08 May 2012**. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

FAO Representation in Bangladesh
House # 37, Road # 8
Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
Tel: 880-2-8118015
Fax: 8802-2-811 3446

The publishing of this notice and the receipt of bids does not commit FAO in any way to any party.



Eastern Cables Ltd

North Patenga, Chittagong

International Tender/Re-Tender Notice

(বেদমতিক নিরাপত্তা ও দীর্ঘস্থায়ীত্বের জন্য আন্তর্জাতিকমানের ইস্টার্ন কেবলস ব্যবহার করুন)

Eastern Cables Ltd, Patenga, Chittagong invites sealed tender with 1% earnest money for procurement of following materials:-

Sl No.	Tender No. & date	Items	Cost of tender document	Receiving date	Opening date	Terms of delivery
01.	EC/PUR/F-31 dt 10.04.2013	DOP Qty: 100 MT	Tk 1,000.00	07.05.2013 at 12:00pm	08.05.2013 at 2:30pm	C&F © Chittagong Liner term basis
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03.	EC/PUR/F-33 dt 10.04.2013	Steel Core Wire Size: 7x1.57mm Qty: 60 MT	Tk 700.00	07.05.2013 at 12:00pm	08.05.2013 at 2:30pm	C&F © Chittagong Liner term basis
04.	EC/PUR/F-25© dt 10.04.2013	Soot Paste Qty: 5 MT	Tk 300.00	07.05.2013 at 12:00pm	08.05.2013 at 2:30pm	C&F © Chittagong/Free delivery up to Eastern Cables Limited site basis

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(1) Item No. DOP: Local manufacturers of DOP are also eligible to participate in the tender. Terms and conditions have been incorporated in the tender documents.


Tender documents will be available during working hours on cash payment (non-refundable) from the following offices:-

- Cash Section, Eastern Cables Ltd, Patenga, Chittagong.
- Cash Section, BSEC, BSEC Bhaban, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.
- Interested bidders who are willing to participate tender may also download tender documents from website www.easterncables.com but before submission of offer the bidder shall have to be deposited cost of tender documents Cash Section of Eastern Cables Limited or BSEC. Money receipt of the cost of tender documents to be submitted along with the offer as evidence.

No tender documents will be sold on the opening date of tender.

MD. Fakhruddin
Manager (Admin & Purchase)
For Managing Director

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৮ শহীদ সাংবাদিক সেলিনা পারভীন সড়ক
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(খ) আলোচ্য দরপত্র পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।

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