

PM calls for consensus

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details of the proposed dialogue with the main opposition party and the rescue operation taking place in Savar since the nine-storey Rana Plaza collapsed on April 24.

The PM also clarified her administration's position on the Hefajat's 13-point demand.

On the proposed talks, Hasina said she wanted no pre-condition, although the BNP leaders had made it known that talks were possible only if the government accepted their demand of a restoration of the caretaker government.

"There is no logic behind placing any condition. It is very sad," she said, adding that the opposition would be given the proposal formally at an "appropriate time".

"And everything will be settled through discussions."

AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam told The Daily Star after the press conference that the

ruling party was preparing the formal letter to be given to the opposition party soon.

Asked if there could be a solution within the constitutional framework about the polls-time government and its formation, Hasina told the press conference she had no objection to forming an interim government comprising elected representatives of all parties.

On whether she was determined not to restore the caretaker government system, Hasina said she was not "rigid" in her attitude towards anything in her personal life.

"I want solution and compromise in moving forward. It's not true that I'm rigid," she said, adding that she had urged the opposition leader to sit for talks as people were being killed in the name of hartal and movement by the BNP, which must stop.

The PM said she did not want a non-party caretaker government to assume

power as it might present more danger than by the one in 2007, which wanted to implement the "minus-two" formula.

She wondered why Khaleda was "so eager" to bring an unelected government to power.

Referring to various attempts to kill her, including the August 21 grenade attack in 2004, the prime minister alleged, "She [Khaleda] wanted to kill me, but failed. She also tried to save the killers of my parents and four national leaders...Even after all these we want to sit for a dialogue with them in the interest of the country so that democracy continues."

About the formation of an election-time government, Hasina said parliament would not sit during the 90 days of the polls period as per the 15th amendment to the constitution. There will also be no cabinet meeting after the declaration of the election schedule.

Saying that the leader of the house, leader of the opposition, deputy leader of the house and the Speaker in the country were now all women, she urged Khaleda, who is the leader of the opposition in parliament, to join parliament so they can have their picture taken for record. The PM described it as unprecedented in the world's history.

Speaking of the Rana Plaza disaster, she said the garment owners of the building were responsible for the collapse.

The day before the collapse a crack was found at the building and industrial police asked the factories not to operate, she said, adding: "But the factory owners decided to operate their units. When they started their generators, the building caved in. It is unexpected that so many people should have lost their lives."

Thanking citizens for joining the rescue operation, the PM said, "It made

history and showed that Bangladesh can deal with a disaster. It will remain an example for us [to follow]."

HEFAJAT REACTION
Shah Ahmad Shafi, ameer of the Hefajat-e-Islam, rejected the PM's call for postponing his organisation's Dhaka siege programme, saying transport on the Savar route would remain out of the purview of the blockade.

In a statement, he termed Hasina's speech confusing and said there was nothing in it to convince the Hefajat to call off its programme.

He alleged the PM had tried to give a false interpretation of the 13-point demand.

BNP REACTION
BNP spokesperson Shamsuzzaman Dudu said BNP chief Khaleda Zia would give her reaction to the PM's speech at today's rally.

On Hasina's call for postponing the rally, he said theirs was a three-hour programme, which would not create any problem.

Zia, Nasir shine

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from the tourists with a 65-run partnership in only 11.4 overs. Taylor was the more aggressive partner, scoring 33 off 37 balls with three fours, including one off the first ball he faced.

Robiul Islam, making his ODI debut after his Test series heroics, bowled to the line he knows best and was hard to get away, meaning Shafiqul bore the brunt of Taylor and Masakadza's counterattack. The introduction of spinners did not initially slow things down, with Masakadza stepping out in Shakib Al Hasan's first over and hitting the all-rounder for a six.

Zia replaced Shakib after one over and nearly got Taylor second ball but the edge eluded the diving Mushfiqur Rahim on its way to the boundary. In the next over however Abdur Razzak got rid of the dangerous Taylor with an arm ball that knocked off stump out of the ground. Masakadza meanwhile had settled down into his comfort zone, milking the spinners for singles. But Sean Williams was soon run out by as Masakadza set off for a non-existent single.

Then it was all Zia -- the seam bowling all-rounder took the next five wickets to fall. In his fourth over the 19th of the innings Zia's stump to stump line on a good batting wicket that offered minimal movement from a length paid off. He trapped Masakadza in front with one that came in as the batsman walked down the wicket and tried to play to the leg side. Two balls later Elton Chigumbura, who is never one to hang around, swiped across the line to have his furniture disturbed and hand Zia a double-wicket maiden.

Zimbabwe crumbled in the middle much like Bangladesh did, but unlike their opponents there was

no recovery. After Prosper Utseya offered a low catch to Mominul Haque at point to leave Zimbabwe at 93 for seven, Malcolm Waller and Shingi Masakadza put on an adventurous 55-run partnership with lots of cross-batted shots, especially from Masakadza, two of which sailed over the ropes. But it was not meant to last. Waller repeated his teammates' mistake of slogging across the line and was the fifth batsman to be bowled, before Tinashwe Panyangara became Zia's fifth victim. It was a perfect end for Bangladesh when Robiul took his first ODI wicket by trapping Masakadza in front and sealed victory.

Earlier, a middle-order collapse threatened to waste the good start provided by openers Tamim Iqbal and Mohammad Ashraful after the visitors were put in to bat. The pitch had a slight tinge of green, but the movement from the fast bowlers was minimal as Tamim and Ashraful took the score to 65 in the 14th over. Tamim then fell, tickling a Shingi Masakadza delivery down the leg side and ten runs later Ashraful holed out to deep square leg off the same bowler. Skipper Mushfiqur soon played away from his body to give a catch behind the wicket to his opposite number, and the collapse was completed when Shakib went for a run off an inside edge to point, stopped, then took off again in a moment of suicide; Waller's direct hit sent the star all-rounder packing. From 94 for four, Mominul and Nasir built a 76-run partnership in less than 15 overs. Mominul was below his fluent best in his 66-ball 38, and fell edging a Tendal Chatara delivery to the keeper.

Riyad, who was making a comeback of sorts after being dropped from the

second Test, started confidently with Nasir. Nasir was the real star of the show however, playing yet another back-to-the-walls knock while keeping his strike rate high. He reached a run-a-ball fifty with a powerful cut between cover and point, his sixth boundary. In the 42nd over, he hit Utseya for a six and a four off successive balls. After he holed out to deep point for a 67-ball 68 in the 44th over, Riyad batted with the tail as Bangladesh scored 38 off the last five overs. He was the last Bangladesh wicket to fall, bowled in the last over for a 38-ball 36.

Malaysian polls too close to call: Survey

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's elections are too close to call just two days before hotly anticipated polls, according to a survey released yesterday that indicated large numbers of voters were still undecided.

The upstart opposition led by Anwar Ibrahim looked set to win at least 89 of parliament's 222 seats in Sunday's vote, compared to 85 for premier Najib Razak's ruling coalition, said leading polling organisation Merdeka Centre.

But Merdeka Centre added that its analysis of all 222 constituencies indicated another 46 seats were up for grabs, with the final two likely going to independent candidates. At least 112 seats are required to form a government.

"The numbers point to neither side having a clear advantage. Whoever controls the majority of those (undecided) seats will win the country's elections on Sunday," the centre's director Ibrahim Suffian told AFP.

Hefajat gears up Savar death toll

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people from Chittagong, one lakh from Sylhet and 50,000 from Rajshahi will join the programme, hoped the leaders.

The Islamist organisation has already hired at least 3,000 vehicles, including buses, trucks, and minibuses, to bring people to Dhaka. Besides, many will come by train.

Though the Hefajat activists started arriving in the capital yesterday from different parts of the country, the majority of them will come in from today. Most of its senior leaders, including meher Shah Ahmad Shafi, will join the programme.

Police have said they will not interfere with the Hefajat's programme if it is held peacefully. "If they [Hefajat men] hold their programme peacefully, we'll assist them. But if they create anarchy and commit any offence, we along with the people will resist them and take legal action," Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (public relations) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star last night.

The Hefajat had announced the blockade programme at its rally at the capital's Motijheel on April 6 to press home its 13-point demand, which included punishment to bloggers for

"defaming" Islam and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called on the Hefajat leaders to withdraw their Dhaka blockade programme considering the ongoing rescue operation at the Rana Plaza collapse site at Savar.

Asked about the PM's call, Mainuddin Rumi, joint secretary general of the party, said the prime minister's statement was unexpected, confusing and false.

"The government didn't meet any of our demands. The press conference was arranged to confuse the nation," he added.

Yesterday, at a press conference at the Lalbagh Madrassa in the capital, Nur Hossain Kasemi, convenor of the Dhaka city unit of Hefajat-e-Islam, said Hefajat activists would lay siege to the capital after Fajr prayers on Sunday. He vowed to make the programme a success.

Several senior Hefajat leaders, however, complained that the government was already creating obstacles to foil their programme.

They claimed that the government and activists of the ruling Awami League had been instructing transport owners not to rent their vehicles to Hefajat men.

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having developed on some pillars and floors the day before. It is still unclear how many workers were there on that fateful day.

The building also had some shops but most of them were closed due to a hartal.

Yesterday morning, Maj Gen Chowdhury Hasan Suhrawardy, general officer commanding of Bangladesh Army's Ninth Infantry Division, told reporters that the rescuers had found most bodies in places like staircases and passages which the workers tried to use to make their way out of the building.

He could not say how many bodies were still in the rubble. The bodies recovered yesterday morning were sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue, he added.

He said the bodies were being recovered with utmost respect to the deceased.

Some rescuers said they were pulling out bodies that had been severely decomposed and some were with missing limbs, making it very difficult for relatives to identify them.

All bodies were first taken to Adhar Chandra High School playground for identification.

"I have seen around 60 bodies, but at least 15 of them had some limbs missing," Faizul Muhi, an NGO official working as a volunteer, told The Daily Star.

District administration officials said the decomposed bodies had become hard to identify and there was an incident in which five to six families claimed one body. The unidentified bodies had been sent to morgues at Dhaka Medical College and Mitford Hospital.

Hasinul Islam, who received his younger sister Khadiza Begum's body, said the rescuers called him on his mobile phone yesterday around noon from his sister's phone number. "It was quite tough to identify my sister. She had a missing hand," he told The Daily Star.

The district administration is handing over the bodies that had identity cards or mobile phones. Sometimes it hands over bodies only after getting correct descriptions of the victims from relatives.

Several hundred people were still at the school playground holding photographs of their loved ones still missing. A number of relatives who have been waiting for the last 10

days said they would not leave without bodies.

President Abdul Hamid visited the disaster site yesterday afternoon to see for himself the salvage operation. He went there at 4:05pm and spoke to the people involved in the operations.

He went to Enam Medical College Hospital before going to the site. The president also went to the Combined Medical Hospital in Savar.

Meanwhile, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad visited the site yesterday. He said he would take care of the livelihood of female workers who had lost their legs in the tragedy.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES
CMES (ARMY) SAVAR
SAVAR CANTT
INVITATION FOR TENDER

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence			
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services			
3.	Procuring Entity name	CMES (Army) Savar			
4.	Procuring Entity district	Dhaka			
5.	Invitation for	As per SI No. 17 (a), (b), (c), & (d)			
6.	Invitation ref no & date	3012/Tender/ 70 /E-3 dated 21 April 2013			
7.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
8.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget & Govt. of Bangladesh			
9.	Project /programme name	Maintenance & Minor works			
10.	Tender publication date in newspaper	02 May 2013			
11.	Tender last selling date & time	09 May 2013 (During Office hours only)			
12.	Tender closing date & time	12 May 2013 at 12.00 hours			
13.	Tender opening date & time	12 May 2013 at 12.30 hours			
14.	Name & address of the office for selling, receiving and opening tender documents	CMES (Army) Savar, Savar Cantt			
15.	Eligibility of tender	A Govt owned/Semi Govt/Private & Autonomous Co in Bangladesh is allowed to participate in the tender with legally and financially Autonomous, operates under Commercial law and independent agency having capacity to products cement and related services.			
16.	Brief Description of Goods/ works	As per SI No. 17 (a), (b), (c) & (d)			
17.	Name of Goods/Works	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Price of Tender documents	Completion Time
a.	Supply of 82.10 M/Tons Portland Composite Cement (PCC) in bag including loading, unloading, carrying & stacking at F/S Store yard under GE (Army) Savar, GE (Army) BOF Gazipur and AGE (Army) Rajendrapur Cantt for Maint & Minor works (Group-I)	Savar Cantt, BOF Gazipur Cantt and Rajendrapur Cantt	18,600/-	500/-	12 (Twelve) Months
b.	Supply of 82.35 M/Tons Portland Composite Cement (PCC) in bag including loading, unloading, carrying & stacking at F/S Store yard under GE (Army) Ghatail, GE (Army) Jssore and GE (Army) BOF Gazipur Cantt for Maint & Minor works (Group-II)	Ghatail Cantt, Jessore cantt and BOF Gazipur Cantt	18,700/-	500/-	12 (Twelve) Months
c.	Supply of 82.00 M/Tons Portland Composite Cement (PCC) in bag including loading, unloading, carrying & stacking at F/S Store yard under GE (Army) Jessore Cantt for Maint & Minor works. (Group-III)	Jessore Cantt	18,600/-	500/-	12 (Twelve) Months
d.	Supply of 81.50 M/Tons Portland Composite Cement (PCC) in bag including loading, unloading, carrying & stacking at F/S Store yard under GE (Army) BOF Gazipur Cantt for Maint & Minor works. (Group-IV)	BOF Gazipur Cantt	18,500/-	500/-	12 (Twelve) Months
18.	Name of official inviting tender	Md Towhid Hossain			
19.	Designation of official inviting tender	Lt Col			
20.	Address of official inviting tender	CMES (Army) Savar, Savar Cantt			
21.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. 02-7791583			
22.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				
23.	If the date of selling, submission and opening is disturbed under unavoidable circumstance next working day at same time and same place will be applicable for the tendering procedure.				



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DISTRIBUTION OF DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 2012

This is to inform the honorable shareholders of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited that the stock dividend (bonus shares) @ 10% for the year 2012 has been credited to the respective BO accounts of the concerned shareholders on April 18, 2013 and the cash dividend @ 15% for the year 2012 has been transferred to the respective bank account (as per the CDBL information) of the concerned shareholders through Bangladesh Electronic Fund Transfer Network (BEFTN).

Mentionable, the NRB shareholders are requested to collect their dividend warrants 2012 from the Share Section of the Head Office of the Company either personally with BO setup copy or through their duly authorized representatives. A person authorized to collect dividend warrants and dividend notice on behalf of a shareholders, shall bring authorization letter/copy of power of attorney or any other legal documents to prove his authenticity to collect the same.

For RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited

Sd/-
(Muhammad Shahidul Islam ACS)
Company Secretary

Date: Dhaka, May 04, 2013