

# BNP plans non-stop hartal

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voters' verdict, we will go for tougher action, including incessant hartal, Dhaka besiege or sit-in programmes," said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, who was presiding over the alliance meeting at her Gulshan office.

"The city polls will be the acid test for the government," a top leader of the alliance quoted Khaleda as saying.

Requesting anonymity, he said, "She [Khaleda] instructed us to remain alert and vigilant to give our party-backed candidates a fair chance."

The BNP chief also advised the alliance leaders not to talk with the media, as what she said, "The media gives exaggerated or sketchy reports on what we say." As an instance, she mentioned reports published in The Daily Star and Ittefaq on a BNP standing committee meeting on June 8.

Yesterday's alliance meeting also discussed about enforcing hartal if the government hinders BNP's rally tomorrow, said meeting sources.

BNP yesterday announced to hold a rally in the capital tomorrow to press home its demands, including restoration of the caretaker government.

The announcement came at a time when the government has not been allowing any party to hold political rallies and meetings in the capital.

On May 19, the home minister said no meeting or demonstration would be allowed for an indefinite period in the capital in order to avert anarchy.

On the other hand, the LGRD minister said the ban had been imposed for a month in the interest of smooth rehabilitation work in the cyclone Mahasen-affected districts.

Against the backdrop of these statements, both the opposition and the ruling alliance leaders were irked as no government order or circular in connection with the ban had been issued.

"The BNP has already sought permission from the DMP authorities to hold the rally in front of its Nayapalton office [Wednesday] at 3:00 pm," Shamsuzzaman Dudu, adviser to the BNP chairperson, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We are now waiting for the [govt's] reply," said Dudu, who is also the BNP spokesperson.

The other demands of the party include an unconditional release of its leaders, withdrawal of all cases filed against them and arrest of corrupt individuals in the government.

# Ex-CIA man the whistleblower

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Snowden will go down in history as one of America's most consequential whistleblowers, alongside Daniel Ellsberg and Bradley Manning. He is responsible for handing over material from one of the world's most secretive organisations – the NSA.

Despite his determination to be publicly unveiled, he repeatedly insisted that he wants to avoid the media spotlight.

He has had "a very comfortable life" that included a salary of roughly \$200,000, a girlfriend with whom he shared a home in Hawaii, a stable career, and a family he loves.

"I'm willing to sacrifice all of that because I can't in good conscience allow the US government to destroy privacy, internet freedom and basic liberties for people around the world with this massive surveillance machine they're secretly building."

Three weeks ago, Snowden made final preparations that resulted in last week's series of blockbuster news stories. At the NSA office in Hawaii where he was working, he copied the last set of documents he intended to disclose.

He then advised his NSA supervisor that he needed to be away from work for "a couple of weeks" in order to receive treatment for epilepsy, a condition he learned he suffers from after a series of seizures last year.

As he packed his bags, he told his girlfriend that he had to be away for a few weeks, though he said he was vague about the reason.

On May 20, he boarded a flight to Hong Kong, where he has remained ever since. He chose the city because "they have a spirited commitment to free speech and the right of political dissent", and because he believed that it was one of the few places in the world that both could and would resist the dictates of the US government.

In the three weeks since he arrived, he has been ensconced in a hotel room.

"I've left the room maybe a total of three times during my entire stay," he said. It is a plush hotel and, what with eating meals in his room too, he has run up big bills.

He lines the door of his hotel room with pillows to prevent eavesdropping. He puts a large red hood over his head and laptop when entering his passwords to prevent any hidden cameras from detecting them.

The NSA police and other law enforcement officers have twice visited his home in Hawaii and already contacted his girlfriend, though he believes that may have been prompted by his absence from work, and not because of suspicions of any connection to the leaks.

Having watched the Obama administration prosecute whistleblowers at a historically unprecedented rate, he fully expects the US government to attempt to use all its weight to punish him. "I am not afraid," he said calmly, "because this is the choice I've made."

# Bossless for 11 days

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They have also been unwilling to take the responsibility as there are chances that the city polls might be held soon, said LGRD ministry sources.

The elections have been delayed for several reasons.

Since the bifurcation of the erstwhile Dhaka city corporation in November 2011, this is the fourth term for the administrators to head the organisations.

Appointed temporarily for six months, the administrators cannot prepare any long-term plan for the city dwellers.

Contacted, Akhter Hossain Bhuiyan said, "I am yet to get clearance from the Rajuk authorities. As a result, I could not assume the post at the DNCC."

Officials in public administration ministry said if Akhter has any rational ground for not taking up the role at the DNCC, the ministry would find someone else. Otherwise, he will have to join the city corporation.

# Flying fish

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Known as the iTray, it is controlled with an iPad, which restaurant staff tip in the direction they want the food to travel.

Staff load the tray, fly it to a customer's table up to 50 yards away, and return it when they see the food has been removed.

Currently there are just two of the devices in operation, at the chain's Soho branch in central London.

If it proves popular it could be rolled out to all 64 of Yo! Sushi's UK restaurants next year.

Waitress Gabriella Micu, 28, said: "It's really fun for customers and I hope we can get to the point where we can serve guests from the central kitchen as it would definitely help to cut down the time walking around the restaurant."

The iTray is made from a light-weight carbon fibre frame.

The company claims it has launched the iTray to mark the release of their new burger, which replaces the traditional bun with Japanese toasted rice.

Customer Mark Love, 26, from London, said: "When I ordered the burger I never imagined it would come flying towards me on a tray."

Mike Lewis, YO! Sushi executive chef, said: "We've been training our Soho team for several weeks now to get used to working with our new flying friend."

# Advani quits

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agendas," he said, adding, "I have decided, therefore, to resign from the three main forums of the party, namely, the National Executive, the Parliamentary Board and the Election Committee."

Rajnath Singh tweeted that he has rejected Advani's resignation as several BJP leaders met the octogenarian leader in an bid to persuade him to reconsider his decision.

Advani's campaign to build a Hindu temple on the site of a 16th-century mosque in Ayodhya in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh had catapulted BJP to the centre stage of Indian politics but had also sparked religious riots.

The mosque was razed in 1992, which led to unrest in which over 2,000 people died.

Advani did not attend the meeting of the BJP's National Executive at the weekend which promoted Modi to election committee chairman, although the official reason given was illness.

Advani had mentored Modi, chief minister of Gujarat, and defended him against criticism that he failed to stop deadly anti-Muslim riots in 2002.

His resignation highlights the difficult road ahead for Modi who will need to win the backing of other senior BJP members as well as the party's regional coalition partners.

Reports said Advani will remain chairman of the opposition National Democratic Alliance, which comprises 13 parties and will strengthen his case against Modi's candidacy after roping in the support of regional partners.

After his appointment Sunday, Modi said he had spoken to Advani and wrote on his official Twitter account that he was "honoured and extremely grateful to receive his blessings".

Meanwhile, several senior BJP leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Sushma Swaraj and party Vice President SS Ahluwalia, rushed to Advani's residence here after the announcement of his resignation from key party fora in an apparent bid to persuade him to reconsider his decision.

BJP's NDA ally Janata Dal (U) gave first indications of parting ways, saying it is "difficult" to remain in the alliance which is on "ventilator support" in the wake of resignation of Advani from top BJP posts.

Terming Advani's resignation a "serious issue" and "not good for NDA health," Janata Dal (United) president Sharad Yadav said his party, an NDA ally, will meet to review the latest developments.

## Owners' remand

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**WORKERS DEMAND TRANSPARENCY**

The disbursement of salaries and compensation and the health services provided to the injured garment workers of Rana Plaza lack transparency, alleged Rana Plaza Garment Workers' Union yesterday.

It urged the factory owners and the government to make public the list of the workers and how much compensation had been given to each of them by launching a website and issuing public notifications.

While some injured workers received monetary assistance, there are many others who did not get even the necessary health service, let alone any compensation, leaders of the union said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

Different organisations have made contributions to help the workers. Many government offices and garment factories have donated a day's wage of all their employees to ease the hardships of the victims, and the survivors have the right to know how the funds are being utilised and who are getting benefits, said union adviser KM Mintu.

Families of the workers, whose bodies had not been found, demanded that the government publish a list of the missing ones. They also urged the authorities to complete the DNA tests required to identify the graves of those buried for being beyond recognition.

# Pickets clash with police

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Habibul Islam of Ullapara Police Station.

Sporadic clashes between law enforcers and hartal supporters followed the incident. Two Shibir men were wounded when police fired rubber bullets to break up the mob.

The two cops are Sub-Inspector Nuruzzaman and Constable Abu Sayed of the police station. One of the two Shibir men is Ayub Ali. The name of the other could not be known.

Pro-hartal activists skirmished with police several times in different parts of Bogra.

At around 11:00am, Jamaat-Shibir men threw four crude bombs at police in downtown area. Police hit back with teargas and rubber bullets to disperse them, said sources in Bogra Police Station.

Hartal supporters vandalised buses and detonated bombs in Chittagong and Laxmipur. Several vehicles were set on fire in Gazipur and Jhenidah.

In the capital, unidentified miscreants blasted two homemade bombs in front of Shahbagh Police Station immediately after an anti-hartal procession of the Gonojagoron Mancha had passed.

Two youths riding a motorcycle exploded the bombs and sped off, Shirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station, told The Daily Star.

Several crude bombs were blasted in the capital's Azimpur in the morning.

The number of vehicles on the capital's roads was high for a hartal day. But inter-district bus services were off.

Jamaat-e-Islami called the hartal on Sunday hours after International Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced "fugitive" Jamaat lawmaker Hamidur Rahman Azad and its acting secretary general Rafiqul Islam Khan to three months' imprisonment on charges of contempt of court.

The court also sentenced Selim Uddin, arrested assistant secretary general of Jamaat Dhaka city unit, to simple imprisonment until the court ended its session for the day, which was 12:35pm Sunday.

The city corporation areas in Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet were outside the purview of the hartal due to the mayoral elections slated for June 15.

# Car bombs kill 14 in Iraq

AP, Baghdad

Back-to-back car bombings at a market in central Iraq killed at least 14 people yesterday, officials said, the latest in a spike in violence that has ravaged the country in recent weeks.

Three parked car bombs exploded virtually simultaneously, tearing through a wholesale vegetable and fruit market in the town of Jidaidat al-Shatt in Diyala province. The town is just outside the provincial capital of Baqouba, about 60 kilometers northeast of Baghdad.

The explosions also wounded 34 people, said police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Iraq is facing a spike in violence, with recent monthly death tolls rising to levels not seen since 2008. According to the United Nations, at least 1,045 Iraqi civilians and security personnel were killed in May. The tally surpassed April's 712 killed.

# SQ Chy's trial

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The defence on June 6 had suggested that Salaudinn was attending University of Punjab between 1968 and December, 1971. Nurul had refuted that suggestion too.

Interestingly, Hena yesterday also asked Nurul if he knew that Salaudinn passed his subsidiary exam on philosophy and semiology from Dhaka University in 1970.

Nurul said he did not know anything about it.

The defence counsel said many students went to Pakistan from Bangladesh for studies during the Liberation War. To which Nurul said, "Maybe".

Yesterday Hena asked the investigation officer about the four witnesses the prosecution failed to produce. The tribunal took their statements made before Nurul as evidence since three of them had died and one had left the country.

Nurul said witness Jotsna Bala of Jogtomolopara in Chittagong could not be brought before the tribunal between May 14, 2012 and February 10, 2013, due to her illness and that he had recorded her statement before she passed away.

During cross-examination, the investigation officer said he recorded the statement of Janti Bala Pal at Rauzan Rural Electricity Office. Janti later died as well.

Nurul said he recorded statement of Badshah Mia at Boalkhali Dak Bungalow. Badshah Mia passed away too.

Hena asked Nurul yesterday if he knew how witness of the case Badal Biswas left the country and what his passport number was.

Nurul Islam said he did not know.

In reply to a question, Nurul said no witness was brought before the tribunal in connection with charge-9, 13, 15, 16, 21 and 22.

BNP leader Salaudinn has 23 war crimes charges against him.

Hena yesterday sought adjournment as he was feeling unwell. The tribunal adjourned proceedings until today but asked the lawyer to finish cross-examination of the investigation officer by today.

Meanwhile, security measures around the tribunal were beefed up yesterday after criminals hurled three homemade bombs at the tribunal gate Sunday night.

One of the three bombs had exploded, said police.

Since yesterday morning, the street between Doel Chatter and Shikha Bhaban was closed to traffic. The two international crimes tribunals are on that street.



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## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

Printing of 15 types Village Court Forms for Activating Village courts Project.

Reference: RFQ-BD-2013-043


United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks Quotations from interested Companies for **Printing of 15 types Village Court Forms for Activating Village courts Project**. All interested companies may download the Bidding documents (RFQ) from [http://www.undp.org.bd/proc\\_more.php](http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_more.php) through a formal registration process that will register bidders into the participants list, so any correspondence, questions regarding the bidding documents and respective answers can be sent to all bidders.

**Submission of Quotation:** The envelope should state the tender subject mentioned above and should be submitted by the submission deadline to the **UNDP -Registry, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.**

The deadline for submission of quotation is **24 June 2013, 4:30p.m.** local time.



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 <b>Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd</b> Head Office: Dugdha Bhaban 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208 <b>Invitation for International Tender (IFT)</b>				
Procuring entity name		Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Ltd.		
Procurement method		Open tendering method (one stage two envelope).		
Source of funds		Own fund.		
Invitation for tenders No.		PD/MA/LC-14/2012/190		Date: 10.06.2013
<b>TENDERS NAME &amp; BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>				
Sl. No.	Tender package No.	Item name	Cost of schedule (non-refundable)	Tender security (BDT/US\$/Euro)
1.	PD/MA/LC-14/2012/02	Milk Analyzer	Tk 3000.00	BDT 12,00,000/-, US\$ 15,400, Euro 11,600
2.	PD/A.CAN/LC-17/2012/03	Aluminium Milk Can	Tk 1000.00	BDT 2,50,000/-, US\$ 3,200, Euro 2,400
3.	PD/FM/LC-07/2013/04	Filling Machine	Tk 1000.00	BDT 3,00,000/-, US\$ 3,900, Euro 2,900
4.	PD/MCP/LC-13/2013/05	Milk Chilling Plant	Tk 3000.00	BDT 12,00,000/-, US\$ 15,400, Euro 11,600
5.	PD/RMT/LC-15/2013/06	Road Milk Tanker	Tk 3000.00	BDT 12,00,000/-, US\$ 15,400, Euro 11,600
Validity of tender offer		120 days from the date of submission of tender.		
Validity of tender security		148 days from the date of submission of tender.		
Name & address of the office for selling the tender documents		(a) Accounts Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka. (b) Accounts Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec-7, Dhaka & (c) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
Name & address of the office for receiving of the tender documents		(a) Purchase Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka. (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec-7, Dhaka & (c) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.		
Starting date for selling tender documents		18.06.2013 during office hour.		
Tender last selling date		31.07.2013 during office hour.		
Tender closing place, date & time		(a) Purchase Division, Head Office. (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant. (c) Divisional Commissioner Office.		01.08.2013 at 12:30pm
Tender opening place, date and time		Head Office, 139-140, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.		01.08.2013 at 2:30pm
Other instruction		All other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule.		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
Name of the official inviting tender		Muhammad Munir Chowdhury.		
Designation of the official inviting tender		Managing Director.		
Address of the official inviting tender		Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-Operative Union Limited, 139-140, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.		
Contact details of the official inviting tender		Tel: 8870432, 8870438, 8870441 (PABX) 8870444, 8870445, Ext: 102, 103, 116 Fax: 880-2-8870433, E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@milkvita.org">info@milkvita.org</a>		
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>				
Special conditions		i) Tender must be submitted in two envelopes and clearly marked as "Technical Offer" and "Financial Offer". Financial offer will contain tender submission letter (Form PG4-1), price schedule for goods (PG4-3B) & price schedule for related services (Form PG4-3D). All other documents including tender security (earnest money) will be in the Technical Offer. If any Financial (price related) document found in the Technical Offer, tender will be outright rejected. ii) In case, the tender cannot be received on the day mentioned for reasons beyond control of BIMPUL (Milk Vita), the same will be received on the next working day at the same time & venue. iii) The authority also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		
This tender will be conducted as per the Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.				
Muhammad Munir Chowdhury Managing Director & CEO				