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When most of the government institutions have been losing their existence, the government is busy ruining the bank. The government should immediately stop its move to split the bank, noted Osman, also an adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

Another panel member Sara Hossain, executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), alleged that the government was trying to occupy the microfinance institution by bringing changes to its structure.

The government, she said, did not form any commission for Sonali Bank, but it has formed one for the Grameen Bank which has insulted Yunus.

Dhaka University teacher Prof M Shahiduzzaman said the government wants to insult Yunus as there is a rumour in the air that he (Yunus) might play a strong

role in the next caretaker government.

Speaking at the dialogue, fourth member of the panel, prime minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Mashur Rahman, however, differed with the rest.

He said if anyone wanted to say anything about the government's initiative regarding the Grameen Bank, he might say it before the inquiry commission.

"The government don't have any statistics about the sister concerns or wings of the Grameen Bank. To find out the figures, the government has formed the commission. It has no other intention [but to find out the figures]," he claimed.

Yunus is respected by many people, said Mashur, and asked all not to mix up the bank with the Nobel laureate.

WEAR BLACK BADGE ON JULY 2
Bangladesh Projonmo

Academy, a non-government organisation working for good governance, yesterday at a discussion at the Jatiya Press Club called upon all to wear black badge on July 2 protesting the government's move to split the Grameen Bank.

On that day, the Grameen Bank commission is set to recommend restructuring of the bank either in the shape of the erstwhile Bangladesh Shilpa Bank or Rural Electrification Board in order to give the government absolute control over the microcredit organisation.

The recommendations will be unveiled at a workshop at the Biam auditorium in the capital.

Addressing the discussion as the chief guest, former chief election commissioner Justice Abdur Rouf advised the government form another institution like the Grameen Bank instead of splitting it.

Like many elections including the recent city corporation ones during her government's term, the national elections would also be free and fair, she observed.

"Awami League has no intention to rig the votes."

In the June 15 polls to the Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet city corporations, all the four AL-backed mayoral candidates lost to their BNP-backed rivals by wide margins.

She said the caretaker government system had been introduced in 1996 following her party's movement as "no elections under the BNP government were held freely and fairly".

However, no one could question the impartiality and fairness of the elections

PM hopeful

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a chance to serve the people again... and we will fulfil the dream of the father of the nation by building a golden Bangladesh by 2021," Hasina said.

Hasina was speaking at Gono Bhaban during a views-exchange meeting with party grassroots leaders from Gazipur.

Also the president of Awami League, Hasina urged the opposition leader to take the path of democracy, saying the next parliamentary elections would be held following those in other countries.

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During the 25-minute speech, Hasina highlighted her government's "development works" and the last BNP-led government's "misdeeds".

AL leaders Satish Chandra Roy, Kazi Zafarullah, Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, Abul Hasnat Abdulla and Mrinal Kanti Das were present among others at the meeting.

during the terms of her government, she added.

"Now that the BNP-backed candidates have won the city corporation polls, why is the opposition saying free and fair elections are not possible under the Awami League government?"

Castigating the last military-backed caretaker government, Hasina said no one -- politicians, teachers, students and businessmen -- could have escaped its repression. Even Khaleda Zia and she herself had been jailed, she recalled.

"So who can tell she won't be sent to jail again if a caretaker government takes over? Who will guarantee that it will hold any elections at all?"

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AL lawmaker Naeem Razzak and central president and secretary of Chhatra League HM Badiuzzaman Shohag and Siddiqua Nazmul Alam campaigned for Ajmat in Gazipur Sadar upazila and Konabari Naser Market area.

Nazmul said committees had been formed at 57 wards for electioneering. Every committee would be monitored by a central leader, he added.

Pro-BNP doctors' leader Jahidul Islam, central BNP leader Hasan Uddin Sarker, Islami Oikya Jote leader Maulana Mukhlesur Rahman and other 18-party leaders have been campaigning for BNP favourite MA Mannan.

As many as 108 contestants have cases against them. Of them, five general ward councilor candidates and one mayoral candidate, MA Mannan, are accused in murder cases.

Among the candidates, 20 earn more than Tk 10 lakh per annum. Mayoral candidate Jahangir Alam earns the highest, more than 1 crore. Two mayor candidates and six councillor candidates have properties worth more than one crore.

Some 545 contestants, including three mayoral candidates, do not pay income tax.

Four mayoral candidates and 104 councillor candidates have completed higher education while 296 councillor candidates have not even passed Secondary School Certificate exams.

Shujan executive members Syed Abul Maksud and Zafurullah Chowdhury also spoke at the press conference.

They criticised politicisation of local government elections and demanded non-partisan and peaceful polls in Gazipur.

They were only allowed to hold a rally, not the procession, Rafiqul said.

He added that all of a sudden a procession of around 6,000 people came out of the BNP office led by Nasim Akon, president of Rajapur upazila unit of Jubo Dal.

When the procession reached Rajapur Jail road, police put up barricades, said SI Azizul, adding that Nasim had threatened him to leave the place.

Being refused, the BNP men attacked the police personnel, he added.

They threw brick bats at police, said ASP Anwar, and police responded with rubber bullets.

Critically injured SI Atiqul was shifted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barisal, he added.

Fifteen to twenty BNP men were also injured in the clash, said Mehedi Hasan Jasim, general secretary of upazila unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

Eighteen BNP men were rounded up from the spot including former Jubo Dal president Masum Mollah.

Police were preparing to file two cases in this regard, ASP Anwar added.

Denying the allegation, Alam said, "I only help rubber planters by supplying labourers and saplings."

Jahangir

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decided to pull out of the race and work for Ajmat Ullah, the ruling party-backed candidate.

Meanwhile, supporters and workers of Jahangir appeared determined to continue campaign for him, reported a correspondent from Gazipur.

Azizul Islam, convener of Jahangir's election monitoring committee, said it would not matter if their candidate remained absent during electioneering. The AL leader had formed the committee well ahead of the announcement of election schedule.

The committee members were determined to continue the campaign, seeking vote for Jahangir's election symbol "pineapple", he added.

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The document must also be published in an official newspaper in Jordan and diplomatic letters must be exchanged between the two countries.

The treaty could then lead to the deportation of Abu Qatada next week, reports said.

The 52-year-old cleric has

Britain approves Abu Qatada treaty

AFP, London

A treaty intended to clear the way to deporting radical cleric Abu Qatada to Jordan has passed into law in Britain.

May has previously warned that, even when the treaty is fully ratified, it will not necessarily mean that he will leave for Jordan within days because the case remains open to legal challenge.

A Home Office spokeswoman said: "We welcome the approval of the Treaty by both the UK and Jordanian Parliaments. Our focus remains on seeing Qatada on a plane to Jordan at the earliest opportunity."

Last month, Abu Qatada unexpectedly volunteered to leave the country as soon as the treaty between Britain and Jordan is ratified by both countries.

He has been a thorn in the side of the British government for eight years.

The government has been trying to deport Abu Qatada to Jordan, where he was convicted of terror charges in his absence in 1999.

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Re-Tender

Invitation for International Tender for Procurement of One Second Hand Product Oil Tanker

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Shipping.
2.	Purchaser name	:	Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC).
3.	Invitation for	:	Tender for procurement of one second hand not more than 10 years old Product Oil Tanker.
4.	Invitation Ref No. and date	:	BSC/Second Hand Product Oil Tanker/03/2012-2013, dated 19-06-2013.
5.	Procurement method	:	Open tendering method.
6.	Budget and source of funds	:	Capital Budget and BSC's own source.
7.	Project name	:	Procurement of one second hand not more than 10 years old Product Oil Tanker of minimum 34,000 DWT.
8.	Last date and time for selling tender document	:	16-07-2013 at 1700 hrs. Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).
9.	Tender closing date and time	:	17-07-2013 at 1200 hrs (BST).
10.	Tender opening date and time	:	17-07-2013 at 1230 hrs (BST).
11.	Name & address of the office(s) selling tender document	:	(i) General Manager (Accounts), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh. (ii) General Manager (Marketing), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, Amin Court (4th Floor), 62-63, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
12.	Name & address of the office receiving tender document	:	General Manager (Finance & Planning), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
13.	Name & address of the office opening tender document	:	Conference Room, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
14.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	Owners/bonafide agents or brokers capable of supplying proposed Product Oil Tanker.
15.	Brief description of vessel	:	The intended vessel is to be Product Oil Tanker ESP, Double Hull as detailed in the tender document with following main features:- i) LOA : Maximum 185, ii) Breadth : Maximum 34m iii) Loaded : Maximum 12.0m iv) DWT : Minimum 34,000 MT
16.	Price of tender document	:	Tk 8,000/- (eight thousand) or US\$ 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable) for each set of tender document.
17.	Amount of tender security	:	US\$ 1,00,000.00 (US Dollar one lac) or equivalent Bangladesh Taka in the form of an Irrevocable Bank Guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh as stated in the tender document.
18.	Time for completion of delivery	:	Within 90 (ninety) days commencing from the date of issuing Notification of Award.
19.	Name, designation and address of official inviting tender	:	General Manager (Finance & Planning), Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
20.	Contact details of official inviting tender	:	Telephone: 73282 E-mail: gm-fnp1@bsc.gov.bd Fax: 88-031-710506, 722380.
21.	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings	:	The purchaser BSC, reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager
Finance & Planning Department