

Govt out to grab

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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 brining 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 Mashiur 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 Mashiur, and asked all not to mix up the bank with the Nobel laureate.

WEAR BLACK BADGE ON JULY 2

Bangladesh Projonmo

A c a d e m y , a n o n - 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.

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 Rangpur.

Also the president of ruling 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.

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

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?"

The prime minister blamed BNP and Jamaat for "burning the Quran" during Hefajat-e Islam's May 5 programme, saying they wanted to come to power by using Hefajat.

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 Abdullah and Mrinal Kanti Das were present among others at the meeting.

Businessmen rule

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about mayor and councillor aspirants in the Gazipur City Corporation elections scheduled for July 6.

Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar also cited information about recently elected mayors and councillors of Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet city corporations.

"If these institutions are controlled by businessmen, they will think about the interests of business bodies instead of the interests of common people," he said.

Out of 584 contestants of Gazipur polls, 335 are businessmen. And out of 159 recently elected mayors and councillors in the four city corporations, 103 are businessmen, said Badiul while reading out a written statement.

In the upcoming elections, seven will contest mayoral posts, 449 will compete for general ward councillor posts and 128 for councillor seats for women.

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

Land grabbers

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Following the incident, 14 families had to move from their ancestral homes just like the eight others who fled last year.

"It's puzzling why police did not file a case for such a heinous crime," the report added.

Md Alamgir Hossain, deputy secretary of CHT affairs ministry, was asked to investigate the matter after indigenous citizens' organisation Capeying Foundation on May 12 complained to the National Human Rights Commission of the eviction.

Visiting the spot on May 29-31, Alamgir took depositions from locals and placed his 32-page report to the commission on June 11. His report also recommended returning the land to the families and ensuring their security.

Kamrul Ahsan, Bandarban superintendent of police, told our district correspondent yesterday that no case had been filed against the 14 land grabbers.

"We are trying to detain them to investigate the matter further," he said.

Land grabbing for rubber plantation is going on also in Rangamati.

Mongnu Marma, a headman, told our Rangamati correspondent that people of four villages -- Hilljhiri Tripurapara, Hadita Chakpara, Hamrajhiri and Masima Marmapara -- are in fear of eviction.

For a long time, a section of local influentials with the help of a few ruling party men has been grabbing land in the area, added the headman.

Dhumsang Aung, a primary schoolteacher, grabbers intimidate and harass poor people and drive them out from their farmland.

Alam Majhi, who supplies rubber saplings, enters contracts with land grabbers to grab land, the teacher added.

A UIP member, Mongjai Marma, too pointed fingers at Alam.

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

4 cops hurt

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demonstration, Rajapur upazila unit of the BNP organised a rally at the party office at bypass intersection of the upazila headquarters, said Sub-inspector Rafiqul Islam of Rajapur Police Station.

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.

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.

While canvassing at Natun Bazar in Tongi yesterday, Abdul Alim said they would seek vote for Jahangir, defying the "government move to keep him off the mayoral race".

"The voters understand it and they will cast vote for Jahangir," he noted.

Yesterday, central leaders of the ruling AL and opposition BNP canvassed for their mayoral favourites Ajmat Ullah Khan and MA Mannan.

AL lawmaker Naeem Razzak and central president and secretary of Chhatra League HM Badiuzzaman Shohag and Siddique 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.

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.

The agreement, announced by Home Secretary Theresa May in April, aims to allay fears that evidence extracted through torture will be used against the terror suspect at a retrial.

The scrutiny process by the British parliament completed at midnight on Thursday, leaving a handful of legal steps before the deportation process can begin.

Jordan's King Abdullah and both houses of the Jordanian parliament have also approved the treaty.

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 already indicated he will not challenge deportation if the treaty is passed because the document guarantees him a fair trial.

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.

Stop political violence

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extremism of the Liberation War and religious bigotry of present time. Now, people educated from the so-called secular institutes are also turning into religious bigots. The present day religious bigotry is a consequence of glocalisation," he said.

Another former adviser to a caretaker government Hossain Zillur Rahman said political violence was changing the country's image from a "tolerant nation" to an "intolerant nation".

"We have to talk about the collapse of good governance and we have to talk about the tendency to cen-

tralise political power."

Sultana Kamal, executive director of Ain O Salish Kendra and also a former adviser to a caretaker government, said members of the civil society should speak about the ongoing culture in the parliament. She said abusive words from some parliamentarians reflect poor mentality of us as a nation.

She said during political unrest common people always end up dying.

Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh, said politicians should understand that the civil society could be their critic and also their friend and that

they should not be treated as enemies by the politicians.

He said the political conflicts in Bangladesh were largely due to personal and political interests. Everyone has the tendency to grab and hold on to power by any means as is evident in their attitude.

Former president of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry AK Azad said if political violence and corruption could be reduced, eight per cent GDP was achievable.

Tarana Halim, a ruling Awami League lawmaker, said appreciation of successes of the government was less but criticism for the failure was always great.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre				
Ministry of Science and Technology				
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
Bijoy Sarani, Tejgoan, Dhaka-1215.				
Invitation for International Tenders				
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
1	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Science and Technology	
2	Agency		Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre	
3	Purchaser Name		Project Director, Strengthening of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre Project.	
4	Purchaser District		Dhaka.	
5	Invitation for		Making and Supply of 30 Minutes Digital Film on the struggle of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, suitable for projection on 23 meter tilted dome by full dome digital projection instruments system of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre.	
6	Invitation Ref No		39.05.00.014.01.00.041.12-637	
7	Date		20-06-2013	
KEY INFORMATION				
8	Procurement Method		Open Tendering Method (Single Stage Two Envelope System)	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
9	Budget and Source of Funds		GOB	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
10	Project / Programme Code		5045	
11	Project / Programme Name		Strengthening of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre.	
12	Tender Package No.		GD-2	
13	Tender Package Name		Procurement of 30 Minutes Digital Film on the struggle of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, suitable for projection on 23 meter tilted dome by full dome digital projection instruments system of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre.	
14	Tender Publication Date		21-06-2013	
15	Tender Last Selling Date		03-08-2013	
		Date	Time	
16	Tender Closing Date and Time		04/08/2013	Upto 12.00 pm
17	Tender Opening Date and Time		04/08/2013	12.30 pm
18	Name & Address of the office(s)			
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)		Accounts Department, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre	
	- Receiving Tender Document		Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre	
	- Opening Tender Document		Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre	
19	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting		Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre / Date: 04-07-2013 / Time: 11:30 AM	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
20	Eligibility of Tenderer		The Tenderer may be from all countries of the world except Israel. The Tenderer shall have the following experience/capability: a) The Tenderer / manufacturer / Supplier shall have a minimum of Three (03) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services to any Planetarium /Science Museums/ Science Centre or any similar institution. b) The Tenderer / manufacturer / Supplier of the Digital Film, should have the experience of making and supplying at least two large format films / two Digital Films suitable for projection on tilted dome by full dome digital projection instrument system of a space Theatre / Planetarium. DVD of each film will have to be submitted with the Bidding Documents as proof. c) The Tenderer / manufacturer / Supplier should produce a Financial Solvency Certificate from the Bank specifying that the Manufacturer / Supplier has a capacity / solvency equal to 2 (Two) million US\$ to supply the product by his company.	
21	Brief Description of Goods or Works		Procurement of 30 Minutes Digital Film on the struggle of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, suitable for projection on the 23 meter tilted dome of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre.	
22	Brief Description of Related Services		As per schedule.	
23	Price of Tender Document (US\$/Tk)		US\$ 25 (US Dollar twenty five) only or TK.2000 (Two thousand) only in cash/ pay order (non-refundable) in favors of the Project Director, Strengthening of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre Project.	
24	Lot No- 1	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount
		30 Minutes Digital Film on the struggle of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.	Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgoan, Dhaka-1215.	US\$ 30,000.00 or TK.24,00,000/-
Purchaser DETAILS				
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Arshad Hossain ndc	
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Project Director (Joint Secretary)	
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender		Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre, Bijoy Sarani, Tejgoan, Dhaka-1215.	
28	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Phone : 9138878, 9139577 Fax : 9130006. E-Mail- bsmrnovotheatre@yahoo.com.	
29	The Purchaser reserves the right to		reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	
Project Director				
Strengthening of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novotheatre Project.				
GD-2467				

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 (4 th 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 Draft 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: 723282 E-mail: gm-fnp1@bsc.gov.bd Fax: 88-031-710506, 722380.
21.	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		
GD-2453		