

Boon or bane?

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Local AL leaders and supporters of Ajmat told The Daily Star yesterday that such an incident had been "embarrassing" for them.

"It will take a few more days to overcome the setback," said AL lawmaker Abdul Mannan, who went to Gazipur city yesterday morning to boost local leaders.

Some local leaders echoed Mannan's view.

"It would have been better both for him [Jahangir] and the party had there been no drama over his withdrawal," said Abul Kalam Azad, president of ward 29 AL unit.

They, however, think that Jahangir's campaigning for Ajmat in the coming days would eventually prove to be a boon for the AL.

But boon it has already been for the BNP-backed candidate.

While the opposition camp is trying to cash in on this issue, many Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal leaders and activists who had been working for Jahangir are now joining their party-backed candidate's campaign, said Sheikh Fazlur Rahman Fulon, president of city Jubo Dal unit.

"We had been worried. His [Jahangir's] pull-out has come as a blessing for us," he added.

ASM Hannan Shah, a BNP standing committee member, told reporters in Gazipur yesterday: "The ruling party has become desperate to win the Gazipur polls after its defeat in the four city elections. So

it has forced Jahangir to quit the race. It is a violation of electoral code of conduct."

Meanwhile, Jahangir, who has been campaigning for Ajmat since June 24, yesterday tried to convince people, saying he willingly withdrew from the race for the party's sake.

He said he was also trying to boost his supporters, who got upset following his withdrawal.

City people, however, have a critical view of his pull-out.

"The way Jahangir was crying at the press conference [from where he announced his withdrawal] has hurt our sentiments. His tears proved that he was forced to quit," said Moniruzzaman, a small businessman of Mariali area.

It may be a surprise for rest of the country as to how Jahangir has become a factor in the Gazipur polls, although he now holds no post in the local AL.

Recently, he stepped down as vice chairman of the pro-AL student body BCL in Gazipur to contest the polls.

Despite being elected vice-chairman of Gazipur Sadar Upazila Parishad with a big margin in January 2009, he had almost nothing to do for the people due to the ineffectiveness of the upazila parishads.

Yet to serve voters, he relied on his own income. The money he earned through his jhut (garment wastage) business has been spent on anyone asking for help, sources said.

"There are very few

educational and religious institutions he did not contribute to," said Insan Uddin Ahmed, who identified himself as a BNP supporter of Mariali area of ward 26.

He claimed it would have been difficult for Mannan to win the battle had Jahangir contested, as Jahangir had acceptance with all, especially the young generation.

Mominuddin Ahmed, vice president of Jatiya Sramik League Gazipur district unit, a pro-AL labour wing, said many people had opted to approach Jahangir for help instead of the local MPs as he never let anyone go empty-handed.

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Govt eyes majority

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those from becoming void in line with a court order.

According to the draft, GB's paid-up capital will be raised to Tk 300 crore from the current Tk 60 crore.

The paid-up capital was raised to Tk 300 crore during the rule of the caretaker government in 2008 but the Awami League-led government did not sign it into a law after assuming power in 2009.

The commission told the finance ministry that there was no need to raise the paid-up capital since the ordinance, issued in 2008,

was not made into a law, sources said.

The finance ministry said it had injected Tk 13.2 crore into GB to raise the government's stake to 25 percent, which dropped to 3.29 percent as the government did not pay against its share in the paid-up capital.

The government-sponsored commission is set to hold a seminar of experts in Dhaka on July 2, in which ideas of changing the legal structure of GB would dominate the agenda.

The commission is however tight-lipped about the

experts to be invited for the workshop.

Meanwhile, the commission's recommendations have drawn strong criticism from nine elected borrower directors of GB, independent observers and anti-poverty campaigners.

The nine directors, who constitute the majority in the 12-member Grameen Bank board, rejected the suggestions.

A number of respected experts say the government has taken the step only to destroy the microcredit organisation.

ATTACK ON INU'S HOUSE

2 JCD men remanded for seven days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested two Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists on charges of hurling homemade crude bombs on Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu's residence in Mirpur on June 9.

Mahbubul Alam, 28, was arrested on Monday from the capital's Bailey Road and Akil Mahmud, 32, from Rupnagar. Police also recovered one of the two motorbikes used during the bombing.

Detectives said JCD central unit president, Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel, and Dhaka city (north) senior vice-president, Sharifuddin Jewel, planned the attack while Akil and his associate Firoz supervised the operation.

Contacted, JCD president Jewel denied all allegations and told The Daily Star: "This is a drama and a conspiracy by the govern-

ment to damage the image of JCD and suppress the opposition."

He, however, confirmed both the men belonged to the JCD's Titumir College unit.

A Dhaka court granted a seven-day remand for the duo.

Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told a press briefing that Mahbub admitted he and three other men -- Masud, Robin and Mim -- hurled handmade bombs at the minister's house.

"They bombed the minister's house to spread fear among the public and make the country-wide strike called by Jamaat-e-Islam the following day [June 10] a success," he added.

"The same gang is responsible for hurling cocktails at the residence of Foreign Minister Dipu Moni on May 28, Awami League leader Mahbubul

Alam Hanif on April 13 and in front of the International Crimes Tribunal."

Police said Akil and Mahbub worked at a consultancy firm run by Engineer Jasim Uddin, an official of the BNP chief Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office.

On interrogation, the arrestees confessed making crude bombs on the Titumir, Dhaka, Tejgaon and Kabi Nazrul college campuses and the Fazle Rabbi Hall of Dhaka Medical College, police said.

Law enforcers on June 15 arrested two more JCD activists from the Chandpur district town on charges of hurling bombs at the foreign minister's house.

Meanwhile, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir condemned the arrests of the JCD men and demanded their immediate release.

60 AL MPs

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parts and entrusted four leaders with the job of monitoring the lawmakers' activities.

The four are lawmakers Abdul Mannan and BM Mojammel Haque, and Abu Sayeed Al Mahmud Swapan and Sujit Roy Nandi. AL Organising Secretary Ahmed Hossain will coordinate their work, party sources said.

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader and State Minister Jahangir Kabir Nanak, who cannot directly take party in the campaign as per electoral

rules, will work from outside the city area.

They will mainly deal with the grievances and frustrations of the local party leaders, if any, and try to persuade them to work for the party-backed candidate.

In the last two days, Quader and Nanak held two meetings with Jahangir Alam and his supporters at a house in the capital's Uttara. Jahangir had earlier filed nomination as a mayoral candidate and later quit the race and extended support to the AL-backed candidate Ajmat Ullah Khan.

AL looks

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a final survey to bring changes of candidates to ensure victory of her party in the 10th parliamentary election.

And she has also been talking to the party's grassroots leaders on a regular basis to get their views. She has already warned many lawmakers that they would not get nomination if the grassroots do not propose their names, sources in the party said.

Dedicated AL leaders, upazila chairmen and vice chairmen with good performances and clean image and having wide contacts with people in their areas would get preference as regards party nominations, the sources mentioned.

Seeking anonymity, some AL high-ups said such a large number of constituencies were going to witness changes in nominations for the next polls as the incumbent lawmakers either resorted to corruption and nepotism or distanced themselves from local party leaders and workers and formed their own circles with their relatives.

"Those who have already been detached from the party and people in their constituencies will be replaced by new faces who have clean image and good contacts with party men and other people," AL Presidium Member and Communications Minister Obaidul Quader told this

correspondent.

Contacted, another Presidium Member and Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury said the prime minister was conducting a survey on her own to decide on nominations for the next polls.

China workers hold US boss hostage

AP, Beijing

An American executive said on Monday he has been held hostage for four days at his medical supply plant in Beijing by scores of workers demanding severance packages like those given to 30 co-workers in a phased-out department.

Chip Starnes, 42, a co-owner of Coral Springs, Florida-based Specialty Medical Supplies, said local officials had visited the 10-year-old plant on the capital's outskirts and coerced him into signing agreements on Saturday to meet the workers' demands even though he sought to make clear that the remaining 100 workers weren't being laid off.

Shab-e-Barat

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homemade foods among the poor, neighbours, friends and relatives.

On the occasion, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh and other religious and socio-cultural organisations took up various programmes, including milad mahfil, zikr, etc.


Yesterday was a public holiday.

President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia issued separate messages felicitating the

Muslims on the occasion.

Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar and private TV and radio channels aired special programmes.

Newspapers published articles, highlighting the significance of the night, also known as Lailatul Barat.



Military Engineer Services

Directorate of Works & Chief Engineer (Army)

Invitation for Tenders

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Defence.
2. Agency	: Military Engineer Services.
3. Procuring entity name	: DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.
4. Tender name	: Renewal/Renovation/Modification including internal services for 3/4/5 storied bldg JCO's Qtr (Bldg No. 525/1-10 & 526/1-10) at Yousuf Road area under GE (Army) Maint South at Dhaka Cantt (Group-VIII).
5. Invitation for tender No.	: 117 of 2012-2013/E-6 Dated 18 June 2013.
6. Procurement method	: Open Tendering Method.
7. Source of funds	: GoB.
8. Tender publication date	: 27 June 2013.
9. Tender last selling date	: 14 July 2013 up to 1430 hours.
10. Tender submission date & time	: 15 July 2013, 1200 hours.
11. Tender opening date & time	: 15 July 2013, 1230 hours.
12. Name & address of the office(s)	:
-Selling tender documents	: a. Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE(A) at GE (A) Project, Dhaka Cantt. b. DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt.
-Receiving tender documents	: Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE(A) at GE(A) Project, Dhaka Cantt.
-Opening tender documents	: Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE(A) at GE(A) Project, Dhaka Cantt.
13. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	: Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW & CE(A) at GE(A) Project, Dhaka Cantt, 14 July 2013, 1000-1100 hours.
14. Eligibility of tenderer	: a. Contractors enlisted in MES class 'D'. b. Contractors enlisted in other govt/semi-govt/autonomous organizations in similar capacity having necessary security clearance.
15. Price of tender document	: Tk. 1,000/- (non-refundable).
16. Amount of tender security	: Tk. 1,12,000/- (as Pay-Order/Bank Draft).
17. Time of completion of wks	: 06 (six) months.
18. Contact details	: Phone: 8871234, Extn. 2678 Fax: (02) 8752684 Website: www.army.mil.bd
19. Special instructions	: a. Tenderer shall submit copy of letter of valid enlistment & security clearance with application on company letterhead when purchasing tender. b. Detailed requirements are mentioned in tender data sheet of tender documents. c. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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Cancellation of Tender Inquiry

No-Pur-148/Trans./Rev/12-13, dt-09-9-2012

Pur-148/Trans./Rev/Re/Lot-1/12-13, dt-02-04-2013ইং তারিখ অনুযায়ী আহবানকৃত দরপত্রের বিপরীতে Lot-1: Supply of 100-No 250KVA Dist. Transformer ত্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে গৃহীত দরপত্র যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদনক্রমে বাতিল করা হইল।

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