

# Hard to hold polls if JS not dissolved

## Says Election Commissioner Hafiz

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It will be difficult for the Election Commission to conduct the upcoming general elections if the current parliament is not dissolved, Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hafiz yesterday said.

The constitution allows elections with or without a dissolution of parliament. But the former situation will be conducive to holding elections, he told reporters at the EC Secretariat in the capital.

He did not elaborate any further. Election experts, however, say a level-playing field will not be ensured if the present parliament exists and the incumbent MPs remain in office during the polls.

Amid confusion over the polls-time administration, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on September 2 at a meeting with secretaries said the national elections would be held without dissolving the current par-

liament and the cabinet. In the last one week following the PM's remark, the EC did not formally clear its stance in this regard. But the chief election commissioner (CEC) and two other commissioners separately came up with different statements.

On Tuesday, CEC Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad told reporters that the EC would examine whether a level-playing field could be ensured if the national elections were held without the dissolution of parliament.

The following day, Election Commissioner Hafiz said the EC was not sure whether what the PM had said was the government's final decision regarding the polls-time administration.

Another Election Commissioner Zabeed Ali on Thursday said the EC would amend electoral code of conducts in such a way that all candidates would get equal opportunity to carry out election campaigns.

Yesterday, Abu Hafiz said the uncertainty about the polls-time administrative system was causing a delay in amending electoral code of conducts for the national polls.

"It's for the government and politicians" to settle the issue, Hafiz said.

"We will work as per the constitutional provisions."

If the government and political parties seek suggestions from the EC over polls-time government, the commission may give its opinion, Hafiz added.

When asked about his view on some political parties' statements that they were losing faith in the EC, he said, "Till now, we have not done anything to lose trust of political parties".

On the army deployment at the time of the polls, Hafiz said a decision would be made on this in time.

As per the constitution, the elections are supposed to be held between October 27 this year and January 24 next year.

# Trouble over hajj

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through the same ordeal. They were supposed to be ferried by the 582-seater leased aircraft, Boeing 747-400.

The Biman MD said they would operate a flight of Boeing 747-400 at 7:40am today.

Yesterday, Biman operated a 419-seater Boeing 777-300 and a 314-seater DC-10. The DC-10 was added to the fleet as permission to fly Boeing 747-400 could not be obtained from the Saudi authority.

Meanwhile, an inquiry committee has been formed comprising officials from the ministry of civil aviation and the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh to investigate the reason behind the debacle.

However, both Biman and the Nigeria-based Kobo Air blamed each other for the schedule disaster.

The Biman MD said Kobo began the processing to obtain the GACA approval at the last moment and that was why the delay had occurred.

As per contract, Kobo was supposed to manage the permission. But it did not inform the Biman authorities of not having managed permission in due time, he said.

Kobo representative in Dhaka Iftekhharul Alam alleged that the Biman authorities were responsible for delay in getting permission to fly the leased aircraft.

He claimed that he had sent all documents for acquiring permission to Biman's Jeddah office through Biman's flight control office in Dhaka at least 25 days back.

The Jeddah office was supposed to place the application to GACA through the General Sales Agents (GSA), but it could not do so as the GSA had not had its license renewed, he said.

Iftekhharul Alam also said Kobo was responsible for obtaining the aircraft's insurance, while Biman was responsible for passengers' insurance.

Yet, Biman had asked Kobo on August 23 to complete proceedings for passengers' insurance as well, since it did not do it by itself, he added.

The aircraft obtained insurance for its passengers from a US insurance company yesterday evening.

Steele, however, said Biman had paid Kobo to obtain insurance for passengers on August 23, but it could not complete the work in due time.

Asked why Kobo had placed the aircraft at Shahjalal Airport on Friday, Iftekhharul Alam said under a provision of the contract Biman was supposed to make 10 percent payment to Kobo soon after the signing of the agreement on August 19.

But the Biman authority had not done so.

Kobo, showing its responsibility, took the aircraft to the airport on its own fuel cost and only then Biman had cleared 10 percent payment, he added.

The Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (Caab) had blacklisted Kobo for committing fraud in relation to renting an aircraft in 2009.

Earlier, Biman could not take lease of any aircraft even after floating tenders thrice.

Finally, it took lease of the 21-year old aircraft at 11,750 per block hour from Kobo, and that was why the Caab had to withdraw its earlier bar of not issuing a no-objection certificate to a more than 20 years' old aircraft.

A block hour is the service hour of an aircraft from leaving an airport to parking at its destination.

# Australian poll to put quirky candidates in parliament

AFP, Sydney

Australia's election looked set to bring some quirky candidates to the national parliament, including a billionaire hoping to rebuild the Titanic and a possible senator for motoring enthusiasts.

But early counts left WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange struggling for a place in the Senate, along with former anti-immigration firebrand Pauline Hanson as fresh faces emerged from micro parties.

Prime minister-elect Tony Abbott's new government will have a clear majority in the House of Representatives, but his Liberal/National coalition will likely have to negotiate with fringe elements and independents in the Senate.

Upper house seats were not expected to be officially determined for three to four weeks, but provisional polling showed strong results for Queensland billionaire Clive Palmer's populist Palmer United Party.

# WB integrity

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The WB cancelled its financing of the Padma bridge project based on INT's report on allegations of corruption involving the project.

The global lender's integrity department fights fraud and corruption affecting WB projects and investigates graft allegations.

The minister said the INT should have informed the government about the corruption and waited for it to act. It should have proceeded if the government did not take any action.

The "jihadi spirit" of the INT is very destructive, Muhith noted, adding that it foils its aims and destroys the recipient country.

Due to the jihadi spirit, an accused dodges the legal system, and this is what has happened in the case of Bangladesh, said Muhith.

"For this reason, punishing the INT is very necessary."

Muhith said he would make these criticisms about the INT in his statement during the WB-IMF annual meeting to be held in Washington next month.

# 13 ex-BCL men

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charges against them. The court also fixed September 12 for starting the trial of the case.

Zubair, an honours final year student of English department of JU, was allegedly tortured and stabbed by the accused on January 8 last year.

He succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in the capital on the next day.

The accused are Khandaker Ashikul Islam alias Ashik, Khan Mohammad Rais and Zahid Hasan of zoology department, Rashidul Islam and Ishiaq Mehbub (Arup) of philosophy department, Mahabub Akram of government and politics department, Najmus Sakib Topu of biochemistry and molecular biology, Majharul Islam and Mahamudul Hasan Masud of history department, Kamruzzaman Sohag of philosophy, Najmul Hossein Plabon of public administration, and Shafiq Alam Setu and Abhinandan Kundu of statistics.

Following Zubair's death, JU Deputy Registrar Hamidur Rahman filed a case with Ashulia Police Station.

On April 8 last year, police submitted the charge sheet against the accused.

The JU syndicate on January 30 expelled seven of the 13 accused for life and six others for two years after a probe committee found their involvement in the killing.

The students, who were expelled for life, are Ashik, Rais, Zahid, Rashidul, Arup, Akram and Topu.

# Either caretaker

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of them want caretaker government and holding of the next general election under it," she added.

Starting with the rally in Narsinghdi, the BNP chief is scheduled to address rallies in Rangpur, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet and Chittagong, and a grand rally in Dhaka in the third week of next month.

Amid chanting of slogans by thousands of opposition leaders, activists and supporters, the leader of the opposition in parliament said the prime minister (Sheikh Hasina) now has two options -- to restore the caretaker government system or to quit power.

Khaleda went on, "Now it is up to you [PM] to decide what you will do. Will you restore the caretaker government system or look for an escape route?"

Earlier at 1:40pm, the BNP chairperson's motorcade left her Gulshan residence for Narsinghdi. Several hundred arches, banners and festoons were seen at different points of Dhaka-Narsinghdi highway.

Yesterday's rally was organised by Narsinghdi unit of the BNP-led 18-party alliance. The rally caused around 15 kilometer-long tailback on Dhaka-Sylhet highway, especially at Madhobdi, Sekherchar, Pachdona and Narsinghdi Sadar.

In her over-40 minutes speech, Khaleda reiterated that if elected, they (BNP-led alliance) will introduce a new trend of governance. "Wait for some more days, we will reveal the new trend in due time. Otherwise, they [government] might steal

our idea," she added.

The BNP chief said when there was no caretaker government system in the constitution, she [Hasina, then opposition leader] had waged a movement. Even she had enforced more than 170 days of hartal, demanding election under an interim government. But now she has dropped the provision from the constitution in the name of amending it.

Khaleda said even the High Court in its verdict instructed holding two more national polls under the CG system. But the government scrapped the system to retain power forever. She continued, "Parliament must be dissolved. Before that, the government has to bring a bill in the House to restore the caretaker government system. After that all the political parties will participate in the polls."

Khaleda further said the opposition alliance will never participate in any election under the Hasina-led government or if the present parliament exists because that election will not be free and fair.

"But does it mean Hasina will stage a one-sided election? Never, we will not allow any such election to be held in the country," she said.

"That's why I am telling let us sit for a dialogue. Although the door for dialogue has been closed with the prime minister saying the election will be held under her government. Even then we say we are ready to sit for a dialogue on restoration of caretaker government system," the BNP chief said.

# Germany, CIA cooperated on Islamist database: Report

AFP, Berlin

Germany's intelligence services cooperated with the US CIA for years on a database of suspected jihadists and their supporters in Germany, the weekly Der Spiegel reported yesterday.

Under the codename "Project 6" or "P6", Germany's BND and Verfassungsschutz intelligence services and the CIA monitored and collected data on Islamists and suspected terrorists in Germany, the magazine said, without

revealing its sources.

The US and German services jointly rented premises in the western town of Neuss in 2005, before subsequently moving to Cologne, the weekly said in a pre-release of an article to be published in its Monday edition.

# PM sees bid

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Addressing a meeting at her official residence Gono Bhaban with her party grassroots leaders of six districts, she claimed that the 15th amendment had been brought about to safeguard parliamentary democracy and prevent extra-constitutional elements from seizing power.

Claiming that democracy had become sustainable in Bangladesh, the AL chief said she did not want any anti-liberation or unelected forces to rule the country.

AL presidents and general secretaries of Jessore, Kishoreganj, Tangail, Kurigram, Laxmipur and Nogaon districts and all their upazilas and municipalities attended the meeting to pick the party's MP candidates for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

From every constituency, the grassroots will give three prospective names and answer a set of 10 questions carrying 100 marks on popularity, connection with the party grassroots and people, financial capability and family and educational

backgrounds of the aspirants.

At the meet, Hasina also reiterated that the election would be held following the parliamentary system of democracy and the country would be run accordingly.

She said her government had successfully tackled terrorism in the country and carried out massive development while foreign currency reserves had swelled to over 16 billion. "No country in the world could make such progress amid the global economic recession," she claimed.

Alleging that the "BNP-Jamaat-Hefajat" combine had been misleading the people over religious issues, she said the AL-backed candidates lost five city polls due to the propaganda though all of them had a clean record.

If these forces came to power, they would bring back militancy and push the country into an era of darkness, Hasina added.

Referring to the BNP chairperson's statement that her party would install a "new

style of government if voted to power, the AL chief said Khaleda would resort to a new style of corruption, looting and siphoning off of money abroad.

If she gets another term, Hasina said, her government would raise the literacy rate up to 100 percent, increase power production and complete the trial of war criminals.

On the other hand, grassroots leaders pointed out internal feuds which, they said, have to be resolved ahead of the next polls.

They also criticised many lawmakers for not maintaining relationship with the party.

The lawmakers did not even supervise whether the government allocations were being used properly, they alleged.

Talking to The Daily Star, some of the grassroots leaders said the AL chief directed them to resolve the feuds. Otherwise, she would hold council to form new committees.

She also advised them to make the women wings of AL active in all areas.

# US plans more

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The USS Nimitz aircraft carrier strike group with one cruiser and three destroyers positioned in the Red Sea can also fire cruise missiles at Syria.

"There will be several volleys and an assessment after each volley, but all within 72 hours and a clear indication when we are done," an officer familiar with the planning told the Times.

The intensified military planning comes as President Barack Obama prepares to personally make his case to the American people and further press reluctant lawmakers on the need for action after Assad allegedly used chemical weapons on his own people last month.

Obama is scheduled to tape interviews today with anchors of the three major broadcast networks, as well as with PBS, CNN and Fox News.

The interviews, to air that

night, will precede Obama's address to the nation tomorrow ahead of an expected full Senate vote.

The president favors a limited attack with only a reduced number of warplanes to drop bombs over Syria, according to the Times.

Amid doubts that a limited US offensive would sufficiently hamper Assad's military capabilities, one officer told the newspaper that the planned operation would amount to a "show of force" over several days that would not fundamentally change the situation on the ground.

The planned US strike "will not strategically impact the current situation in the war, which the Syrians have well in hand, though fighting could go on for another two years," another US officer said.

# গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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# নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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দরপত্র সিডিউআর আণামী ১৯-০৯-২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সকল কর্মদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অফেন্ডারসহ) মূল্য প্রাদানপূর্বক উপযুক্ত প্রমাণাদি যেমন, নবায়নকৃত সিটি কর্পোরেশন সার্টিফিকেট/পৌরসভার ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর ও ভাট পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট দেখানো সাপেক্ষে পরিবহন বিভাগ, ডিএমপি, ঢাকা'র কার্যালয় হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে এবং আত্রাই দরপত্রাদাতাদের পরিদর্শনের জন্য স্ক্র্যাপ মালামাল গ্রহণ করা যাবে।

দরপত্রাদাতাদেরকে পুলিশ কমিশনার, ডিএমপি, ঢাকা'র ব্যবসায়িক অফিসে ১১৫০০/- (এক হাজার একশত পঁচাত্তর হাজার) টাকার দায়িত্বের সময় জমা দিতে হবে। সফল দরপত্রাদাতার নিলামপ্রাপ্ত জামানত স্ক্র্যাপ মালামালের সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য পরিশোধ/হস্তান্তর হওয়ার পর ফেরত দেয়া হবে।

দরপত্র পরিবহন বিভাগ, ডিএমপি, ঢাকা এর কার্যালয়ে রফিক টেকার বক্সে আণামী ২২-০৯-২০১৩খ্রিঃ তারিখ ১২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ফেলতে হবে। দরপত্র ৫ দিনই বেলা ১৩:০০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরপত্রাদাতা অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধিদের (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে খোলা হবে। সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা ব্যক্তি/প্রতিনিধিদের দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার ০৭(সাত) দিনের মধ্যে গৃহীত দরের উপর বিধি মোতাবেক আয়কর ও ভ্যাটসহ মোট টাকা জমা দিয়ে সমস্ত মালামাল বুকে নিতে হবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণ গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে। সিডিউআর ক্রয়ের রশিদ অথবা ই-দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দিতে হবে অনাথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য করা হবে।

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# S Korea, US map out plan to deter N Korea nuclear: report

AFP, Seoul

South Korea and the United States have mapped out a joint operational plan which outlines concrete measures to deter and respond to North Korea's nuclear threats, a report said yesterday.

The plan encompasses political, diplomatic and military measures to specify how Washington will provide a nuclear umbrella for South Korea in the case of North Korean nuclear provocations, Yonhap news agency said.

The customised plan will be signed at a security meeting between US and South Korean defence chiefs in early October, it said.

"The deterrence plan can be considered equivalent to an operational plan," a South Korean government source told Yonhap.

"Making an official document detailing the US nuclear umbrella reflects its firm commitment against North Korea's atomic weapons threat," the source was quoted as saying.

# Happy in horror

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A number of non-government organisations are vocal about road safety, but accidents due to reckless driving continue to happen almost every day.

Some do survive these accidents with minor injuries but others face extreme hardship with permanent disabilities. Responsible drivers are hardly held accountable and the victims rarely get any compensation.

Road accident victims account for the highest number of patients in Nitor. In 2011, as many as 9,103 such victims were admitted to the hospital, which is 45 percent of its total patients, according to Nitor's Health Bulletin 2012.

The number of road accident victims being brought to the hospital is still alarming, said Dr Shaukat-ul-Bari of Nitor.

According to reports published in five national dailies, road accidents caused around 7,000 deaths and over 12,000 injuries

across the country last year, said actor Ilias Kanchan, also chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai, an organisation that champions road safety.

These numbers are disturbing but the authorities seem little concerned, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

"In our country those who can drive well are considered skilled drivers. But a skilled driver needs to know the road thoroughly and follow the signs.

"But laws are rarely followed in our country," said Kanchan.

Happy's accident raised concerns among her friends and well-wishers, who formed a human chain in the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, demanding road safety for all.

Happy's father Golam Sarwar demands exemplary punishment for reckless driving.

But, lying on a bed at Nitor, Happy is probably getting prepared to face the harsh reality waiting for the rest of her life.

# Fodder Research & Development Project

Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute  
Savar, Dhaka-1341

No. FRDP-1/2013/199 Date: 03/09/2013

# Invitation for Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/assemblers/importers for supply of a Brand New Double Cabin Pick up.

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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Ministry/Division                                                                                   | : Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2.  | Agency                                                                                              | : Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, Savar, Dhaka.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3.  | Procuring entity name                                                                               | : Dr. Nathu Ram Sarker.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4.  | Procuring entry code                                                                                | : Not applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5.  | Procuring entry district                                                                            | : Dhaka.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6.  | Invitation for                                                                                      | : Supply of a Brand New Double Cabin Pick up (Minimum 2400 cc, Origin: Japan or equivalent).                                                                                                                                          |
| 7.  | Invitation Ref. No. and date                                                                        | : FRDP-1/2013/199 Date: 03/09/2013                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8.  | Procurement method                                                                                  | : Open Tendering Method (OTM).                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9.  | Budget and source of funds                                                                          | : GOB.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10. | Tender package name                                                                                 | : Procurement of Double Cabin Pick up.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11. | Tender last selling date                                                                            | : 02-10-2013 up to 4.00pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12. | Tender closing date and time                                                                        | : 03-10-2013 up to 12.00 noon.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 13. | Tender opening date and time                                                                        | : 03-10-2013 at 2.30pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14. | Name & address of the office selling tender document                                                | : Accounts Section, BLRI Savar, Dhaka.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 15. | Receiving tender document                                                                           | : a) Office Room of the Executive Engineer, Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, Savar, Dhaka.<br>b) Office Room of the Sr. Asst. Director (Procurement), Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council, Airport Road, Farmgate, Dhaka. |
| 16. | Opening tender document                                                                             | : Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, Savar, Dhaka-1341.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 17. | Eligibility of tenderer                                                                             | : Manufacturer, Assembler, Importer.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 18. | Brief description of goods                                                                          | : Brand New Double Cabin Pick up, Engine capacity: Minimum 2400 cc, 5 seating capacity.                                                                                                                                               |
| 19. | Brief description of related service                                                                | : Mentioned as per document.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 20. | Price of the tender document (Tk.)                                                                  | : Tk 1000/= (one thousand only).                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 21. | Amount of tender security (Tk.)                                                                     | : Tk 1,00,000 (one lac only) refundable.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 22. | Completion time                                                                                     | : 60 (sixty) days after issuing date of notification award of work order.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 23. | Name of official inviting tender                                                                    | : Dr. Nathu Ram Sarker, Project Director.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 24. | Address of official inviting tender                                                                 | : Fodder Research & Development Project, Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, Savar, Dhaka.                                                                                                                                       |
| 25. | Contact details of official inviting tender                                                         | : Telephone: 7791670-235 Fax No.: 7791675 E-mail: sarkemr62@yahoo.com                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 26. | Special instruction                                                                                 | : a) Tenders will be received and or opened on the subsequent working days, if not received/opened on the date mentioned above for any unavoidable circumstances.<br>b) Tenders should have to fill properly the PGs-1 to PGs-6       |
| 27. | The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annull the tender proceedings. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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