

# Go for talks

Say UK, Canada; hail PM's offer on polls-time govt

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The UK and Canada yesterday said they want to see constructive dialogue between the government and the opposition to create an atmosphere conducive to free, fair, credible and inclusive elections.

They also urged the major political parties to respect the rights to freedom of expression peacefully and democratic manner, and discourage acts of violence.

About the prime minister's offer of an all-party government to oversee the elections, the British High Commission in a statement said, "The United Kingdom has long made clear its wish to see free, fair and impartial elections that lead to a sustainable settlement which reflects the

democratic will of the Bangladeshi people."

Welcoming the PM's proposal and other indications from political leaders about dialogue, the UK urged parties to seize this opportunity, to negotiate in good faith, to show flexibility and to put the interests of the country first.

The UK said it would not dictate what shape an interim administration should have, but said it should ensure the neutrality of the electoral process and that the people of Bangladesh are able to elect the government they want.

The Canadian High Commission said, "We welcome government efforts to initiate constructive dialogue with the opposition so that the country can find a way forward towards transparent,

credible, inclusive and peaceful elections.

In response to a question about the police ban on public rallies, US Embassy spokesperson Kelly S McCarthy said the US looked to the government of Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of all its citizens while facilitating such manifestations of democracy and encourage all Bangladeshis to peacefully express their views; violence is never justified.

The British High Commission said they are aware of the ban on meetings and rallies in Dhaka and hope this will not detract from efforts to achieve an agreement on an interim administration or preclude legitimate political activity in parliament and through the media.

## AL's allies vexed

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on the same day.

Talking to The Daily Star, Jatiya Party presidium member Anisul Islam Mahmud said banning political programmes on the whole was unjustified because it contradicts with democratic manners.

The police should resist those who become violent, he said.

"The ban has definitely had a negative impact on the prime minister's proposal for discussion," he said.

Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon at a press conference yesterday said the police ban on political programmes would hurt the atmosphere for discussion.

"The ban goes against freedom of expression and it would hinder democratic process," he said, urging imme-

diat withdrawal of the ban.

Even though there were some ambiguities in the prime minister's proposal, those could be cleared through discussion, he said.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal standing committee member Shirin Akhter told The Daily Star that the ban was against democratic rights and it was not conducive to ensuring democratic practices.

"But the law enforcers have imposed the ban to avert violence as BNP and its alliance partners are threatening violence using the opportunities of democratic rights," she said.

General Secretary Nurur Rahman Selim said the prime minister's proposal for discussion was very significant for ending the political deadlock.

"But the police ban on political programmes is not a good decision. It will hinder democratic process of the country. Police should be tougher against those who turn violent instead of banning political activities," he added.

Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua, also industries minister, said, "We have seen in the past that opposition parties created anarchy and become violent abusing their democratic rights. So, I think police have imposed the ban to protect lives and properties."

National Awami Party (NAP-Mozaffar) General Secretary Enamul Haque said as the main opposition had threatened violence by bringing in "machetes and axes", police have taken the precautionary measure by slapping the ban.

## Ban relaxed

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Peshajibi Parishad, a platform of pro-BNP professionals, as police with riot cars and water cannons took position around the venue, Bangabandhu International Convention Centre (BICC).

After issuing an indefinite ban on political gatherings in the capital from 6:00am Sunday, police asked the organisers twice on Saturday not to go ahead with the programme.

The organisers then discussed the matter with their chief guest Khaleda Zia, who was determined all along to attend the convention defying the ban.

As participants began to arrive at the venue in small groups, police asked them to go away.

Reacting to police action, Ruhul Amin Gazi, convener of the organising committee of the convention, told reporters that they would go ahead with their plan to hold the convention with the BNP chairperson as the chief guest.

Gazi's decision was not changed even when news that BICC authorities had cancelled their booking reached him.

Meanwhile, mixed reactions from different political quarters prompted the ruling Awami League policymakers to raise the matter with the prime minister.

She in turn instructed the police to relax the ban, confirmed DMP Deputy Commissioner (Media) Masudur Rahman.

AL policymaker Kazi Zafarullah told The Daily Star that police overreacted and cancelled the programme in the morning.

"We felt there was no logic behind cancelling any closed-door programme. So we requested the PM to allow the programme," he said.

Indoor meetings should not affect DMP's ban, he added.

Though police initially cited public security concern as the reason for not allowing the convention, they changed their stance within an hour.

Talking to reporters around 12 noon, Deputy Commissioner of DMP (Tejgaon division) Biplob Kumar Sarker said, "We are not allowing the programme considering public safety."

However, when permission to hold the convention was given around 1:00pm with 14 conditions attached including, refraining from making provocative speeches and bringing out processions, he said, "We think security will not be breached."

## Yet another

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station in this connection.

Munmun's elder brother Anny Islam Noman said, "My sister felt lively because today was the first day she was going to college after the Eid vacation. But all these are now just memories. Little do we trust the law enforcers because the killer drivers get released on bail in most cases."

Three females have been killed in the capital in the last 30 days due a bus hitting their rickshaw.

Sanjida Begum, 35, died in Motijheel in front of her 12-year-old daughter on October 12. Roksana Begum, 37, died in Kamalapur area while returning home with her five-year-old daughter from her school on September 24.

Earlier in September this year, the home ministry, giving in to the pressure from transport owners and trade union leaders, decided that killings in road accidents would not be considered intentional and that the responsible bus drivers would not be charged with murder.

According to police records, on average 3,300 people were killed each year in the last decade due to reckless driving, lax enforcement of traffic laws and people's negligence towards traffic rules.

# Who to head it is only obstacle

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On the other hand, ruling AL leaders have maintained that it is Hasina who will be at the helm of the election-time government.

They, however, said if the BNP agrees to get to the negotiating table and refuses to accept Hasina as the head of the interim government, the AL might propose Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, also an AL lawmaker, for the post, said sources in the AL.

But they wouldn't accept any proposal for making a non-partisan person the prime minister of the poll-time government, said the sources.

Observing the current situation, political analysts now predict a re-enactment of previous political scenes where Hasina and Khaleda only swapped their stances over the issue of election-time government.

About 18 years ago, the then prime minister Khaleda didn't accept a proposal from Hasina, then in opposition, for making a non-partisan person the head of the election-time government to break the political stalemate.

During the 1995 impasse over national election, Hasina, who then led the opposition's agitation for introducing caretaker government system, made the proposal to a group of five eminent citizens that was negotiating with the two leaders to resolve the crisis.

The group included former chief justice Kemal Uddin Hossain, Prof Rehman Sobhan and Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed.

Following their persuasion, Khaleda agreed to step down as prime minister but gave a condition that a BNP lawmaker would be the head of the interim government.

Subsequently, their move failed to break the political deadlock, and the then BNP-led government held the controversial February 15 election in 1996 amid a

boycott by other major political parties.

After 18 years, Khaleda and her party expect Hasina to accept the proposal for making a non-partisan person the head of the election-time government.

In her address to the nation on Friday, Hasina proposed forming an all-party election-time government and urged BNP to nominate its lawmakers for inclusion in the interim cabinet.

Hasina, however, didn't specify the size of the cabinet and its scope of work or who would head the cabinet. It wasn't clear from her speech when the interim cabinet would be formed.

However, from the following day, some ministers and senior AL leaders have been saying that Hasina would lead the interim cabinet.

"We want Sheikh Hasina as the head of the interim government. However, the scope for discussions on the issue is there, albeit on a limited scale," Finance Minister AMA Muhith told reporters yesterday at his secretariat office.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam has been given the responsibility for holding discussions with the BNP and other political parties to end the political impasse, said Muhith.

AL Presidium Member Kazi Zafarullah told The Daily Star that Ashraf, also the LGRD and cooperatives minister, would brief foreign diplomats on the government's stance on the next election, polls-time government and parliamentary issues.

If the BNP agrees to get to the negotiating table, the issue of an all-party election-time government could be discussed, he said.

In her address to the nation, Hasina urged the leader of the opposition to respond to her call.

Khaleda will clarify today her party's stance on

Hasina's proposal and the opposition's demand for a non-partisan government to oversee the next election, said BNP insiders.

"If Sheikh Hasina agrees to the proposal for making a non-partisan person the prime minister, we are open to discussions on how to appoint the head of the interim government," said a BNP policymaker, who attended Saturday's meeting of the BNP standing committee.

The BNP doesn't consider the appointment of other members of the interim cabinet a major issue, said the BNP policymaker, asking not to be named.

Following the discussions at Saturday's meeting, the BNP drafted proposals that the party chief might announce today at a press conference, according to BNP insiders.

Addressing a convention of pro-BNP professionals yesterday, Khaleda said she would speak in detail about polls-time government and other crucial issues at today's press conference.

OCT 25 RALLY

The BNP-led alliance decided that it would hold its announced rally in the capital on October 25 no matter whether the police give permission or not, said Abdul Mobin, chief of Islamic Party, a component of the BNP-led alliance.

"If the government obstructs the rally, we will enforce a non-stop blockade of the capital and other important divisional headquarters from October 27 until the government meets our demand," said Mobin.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police slapped an indefinite ban on political meetings, rallies, human chains, demonstrations, sit-ins and processions in the capital from Saturday in the wake of growing tensions between the ruling party and the main opposition over holding rallies on October 25.

# Pran nonchalant, govt silent

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not to consume the product of certain batches because of health risks.

Contacted, Food Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque just said: "It is a matter of concern for us. We will look into it."

Commerce Minister Ghulam Mohammed Quader was not available on the phone for comments.

Asked what action the commerce ministry had taken to protect consumer safety and rights, its Secretary Mahbub Ahmed said none.

"We cannot take any action on our own without receiving any complaints from consumers," he added.

Mahbub said he learned about the matter from newspapers and was unaware of FDA's press releases.

Asked if the ministry would ask the company to recall its turmeric powder from the domestic market, he said: "How can we take action without a detailed analysis? We cannot take action based on newspaper reports."

"We are looking into the matter with due importance."

Approached, BSTI Director General Iqramul Haque said the

agency sought explanation from Pran over the excessive lead in its turmeric powder.

It, however, did not give any time limit for the company to turn in the explanation.

"We have tested samples from the local market and have not found any lead in that turmeric powder," he said yesterday, adding that the test was done early this month.

Asked how then the US authorities found such high level of lead, he said: "We do not know which sample of turmeric powder the company has exported. So, we have asked the company why the products tested in the US were found to have lead."

He said the BSTI conducted its test through machines and there was no scope for manipulation.

He added the BSTI would take further action after receiving Pran's explanation. "We cannot ask for recalling a product. We will cancel its certificate if lead is found."

One industry insider, however, says in some cases companies provide "special samples" to the BSTI for tests. These samples are "specially made".

Talking to The Daily Star, Pran Director (marketing)

Kamruzzaman Kamal yesterday said his company had no plan to recall its turmeric powder.

"We have done the testing by collecting samples randomly from the market. We are not percent sure that there is no lead in our product. So, we are not going to recall our product from the domestic market."

He claimed the last test was done on October 10 at Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) where no lead was found.

He also claimed Pran exported more spices than it sold in the local market. But when pressed for the breakdown, he could not give any.

About sending its clarification to the BSTI, he said he was yet to receive the letter.

Humayun Kabir Bhuiyan, general secretary of Consumers Association of Bangladesh, feared that the presence of lead in the locally marketed turmeric powder might be higher than those found in the US.

"It should also be withdrawn from our market for consumer safety. We urge the commerce ministry to act immediately in this regard," he added.

## Polls likely

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Bablu told The Daily Star, "She [Hasina] has informed us about the elections either at the end of December or in the first week of January."

Jatiya Party has agreed to the plan, he said.

After the meeting of the two key allies of the 18-party alliance, Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam said Hasina would be the head of the all-party polls-time government, even if the main opposition BNP opposed it.

He said Jatiya Party would compete against the AL in the next election if BNP boycotted the polls; otherwise the AL-led grand alliance would remain intact.

"Wait ... you will see a new government by mid-January," he said without elaborating.

Replying to a query, Ashraf said they would move forward with dialogue with the BNP after getting the "alternative proposal" from the opposition today.

Awami League chief Hasina at the meeting said her party would talk to BNP to reach a consensus over the all-party polls-time government. She also said there would be no legal complexities regarding the interim government, if the BNP agreed to it.

She said her party would talk to all parties about the polls schedule and would try to ensure all parties, including the BNP, take part.

As per the constitution, the polls must be held between October 25 and January 24, 2014. Initially, the government had plans to hold the polls in mid-January. The ninth parliamentary election was held on December 29, 2008.

Secretary General Ruhul Amin Hawlader of Jatiya Party said the political situation in Bangladesh was in a critical state. There was detailed discussion on the participation of all parties in the elections and the formation of the all-party polls-time government, he told journalists.

Jatiya Party leaders Anisul Islam Mahmud, GM Quader, and Kazi Firoz Rashid accompanied Ershad at the meeting.

Awami League leaders Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, Kazi Zafarullah,


Mohammad Nasim, HT Imam, Alauddin Ahmed Tareque Siddique, Faruk Khan, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Hasan Mahmud and Mrinal Kanti Das attended the meeting.

## Two released after British terror probe

AFP, London

British police on Saturday released two men arrested during a dramatic counter-terrorism operation in London last weekend.

London's Metropolitan Police said two other men remained in custody following a string of raids on October 13, in which armed officers shot the tyres of a car near the Tower of London.



### শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট

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প্রার্থীকে স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি এবং কম্পিউটারে ন্যূনতম ১ বৎসরের ডিপ্লোমা ডিগ্রিসহ উপ-সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার/সমন্বয়ের পদে কমপক্ষে তিন বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা কম্পিউটার ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এ স্নাতক ডিগ্রি থাকতে হবে। অথবা স্নাতক ডিগ্রিসহ কম্পিউটারে ন্যূনতম ১ বৎসরের ডিপ্লোমা ডিগ্রি এবং উপ-সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার/সমন্বয়ের পদে কমপক্ষে চার বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। শিক্ষা জীবনে কোন পরীক্ষায় ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকতে পারবে না।

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প্রার্থীর স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি অথবা চার বৎসর মেয়াদী অনার্স ডিগ্রি থাকতে হবে। অথবা স্নাতক ডিগ্রি প্রার্থীদের সহকারী প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা পদে আবেদনের যোগ্যতা হিসাবে এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে সিনিয়র এলিসিটেট/পি.এ/সমন্বয়ের পদে অভিজ্ঞতাসহ সহায়ক কর্মচারী হিসাবে ১০ (দশ) বৎসর চাকুরীর অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। শিক্ষা জীবনে কোন পরীক্ষায় ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকতে পারবে না।

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এমএলএসএস ডিগ্রিধারী অথবা চার বৎসর মেয়াদী বিএসসি অনার্স ডিগ্রি অথবা বিএসসিসহ যন্ত্রপাতি রক্ষণাবেক্ষণসহ ল্যাবরেটরী সংক্রান্ত কাজে কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়তশাসিত কিংবা অন্য কোন স্বীকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠানে ০৭ (সাত) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। তৃতীয় শ্রেণী/বিভাগ গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। আন্তর্জাতিক প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের বিধি-বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে।

বয়সঃ সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ (ত্রিশ) বছর। আন্তর্জাতিক প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য।

এ্যাকাউন্টেন্টঃ

ক) বাণিজ্য স্নাতক ডিগ্রি ও কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং এ ইংরেজি ও বাংলা টাইপিংয়ে প্রতি মিনিটে যথাক্রমে ৩০ ও ২০টি শব্দ গতিসহ এমএস অফিসের বিভিন্ন প্রোগ্রামে জ্ঞানসম্পন্ন হতে হবে।

খ) শিক্ষা জীবনে সকল পরীক্ষায় ন্যূনতম ২য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকতে হবে।

গ) বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে হিসাব সংশ্লিষ্ট পদে/কাজে ০৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে

বয়সঃ সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ (ত্রিশ) বছর।

ল্যাব সহকারীঃ

ক) প্রার্থীকে এইচএসসি (বিজ্ঞান) ২য় বিভাগে পাসসহ ২ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন/ট্রেড সার্টিফিকেট (১ বৎসর মেয়াদী) ধারী হতে হবে।

খ) কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং এ ইংরেজি ও বাংলা টাইপিংয়ে প্রতি মিনিটে যথাক্রমে ৩০ ও ২০টি শব্দ গতিসহ এমএস অফিসের বিভিন্ন প্রোগ্রামে জ্ঞানসম্পন্ন হতে হবে।

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এমএলএসএসঃ

প্রার্থীকে এমএলএসএস/সমন্বয় পাস অথবা ৮ম শ্রেণী পাসসহ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে ০৫ বছরের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা।

বয়সঃ সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ (ত্রিশ) বছর।


আবেদনপত্র জমাদানঃ

রেজিস্ট্রারের অনুকূলে সিলেট শহরের যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংকের শাখার উপর সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার, সহকারী প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা ও ল্যাবঃ টেকনিশিয়ান পদের জন্য ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা, এ্যাকাউন্টেন্ট, অফিস সহকারী কাম কম্পিউটার অপারেটর ও ল্যাব সহকারী পদের জন্য ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকা এবং এমএলএসএস পদের জন্য ১৫০/- (একশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকার এমআইসিআর ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অথবা সমমূল্যের পে-অর্ডার (পোস্টাল অর্ডার গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়), পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ৪ (চার) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি, সকল সদনপত্র/প্রশংসাপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। ০৮ সেন্ট দরখাস্ত নির্ধারিত সময়ে রেজিস্ট্রার অফিসে পৌঁছাতে হবে। আবেদন ফরম অফিস চলাকালীন রেজিস্ট্রার দপ্তর হতে সরাসরি অথবা ১০ (দশ) টাকা মূল্যের অব্যবহৃত ডাকটিকেটসহ নিজ ঠিকানা সম্বলিত খাম পাঠিয়ে সজ্ঞাহ করা যাবে।

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট (www.sust.edu) থেকেও আবেদন ফরম ডাউনলোড করা যাবে। কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন বিবেচনা করা হবে না। খামের উপর অবশ্যই স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে সংশ্লিষ্ট পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে। ডাক যোগাযোগজনিত বিলম্বের কারণে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ দায়ী থাকবে না। আবেদনপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখের পর কোন আবেদন গ্রহণ/বিবেচনা করা হবে না।

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## Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

### Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

## Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Animal and Poultry Feed

Credit No. 4507 – BD, Project ID No. UTF /BGD/040/BGD , Package # 5G7.L

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Animal and Poultry Feed. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 322.75 MT of Animal and Poultry Feed. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items/similar items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is between 8 (Eight) weeks and 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of issuance of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the ECRRP office of the FAO Representation in Bangladesh (Hs. # 27, Rd. # 9/A, Apt. # A -1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka - 1209, Telephone 8130758/104) during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 16:30 Hrs. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by the interested bidders from the ECRRP office of FAO on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk.2,000. The method of payment for the tender document will be in cash against a written receipt. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Tk. 250,000.

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 14:00 Hrs. on 12 November 2013. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

**FAO Representation in Bangladesh**  
**House#37, Road#8**  
**Dhanmondi , Dhaka-1205**  
**Tel: 880-2-8118015**  
**Fax: 8802-2-811 3446**

The publishing of this notice and the receipt of bids does not commit FAO in any way to any party.