

BREAKING POLITICAL DEADLOCK Ershad thanks UN chief for his efforts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon yesterday thanking him for his efforts to break the political deadlock in Bangladesh.

"I thank you and Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, UN assistant secretary-general for political affairs, and appreciate your initiative to resolve the ongoing political crisis," said Ershad's special adviser Bobby Hajjaj, quoting the letter.

Ershad handed over the letter to the visiting UN officials at Hotel Sonargaon for submitting it to Ban Ki-moon, Bobby told The Daily Star.

In the letter, Ershad mentioned that it is possible to end the deadlock over the polls-time government within the constitutional provisions.

Party insiders said Ershad proposed a polls-time administration without Sheikh Hasina for a credible election.

President attends Mandela's

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President Barack Obama, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, French President Francois Hollande, Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, Cuban President Raul Castro, South African President Jacob Zuma, former South African president Thabo Mbeki, three former US presidents -- George W Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter --, three

former British prime ministers -- Gordon Brown, Tony Blair and John Major --, attended the programme.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also joined the memorial service.

Apart from the world leaders, tens of thousands of South Africans gathered at the stadium to pay tribute to the anti-apartheid icon.

Mandela will be buried on December 15 in his childhood hometown of Qunu.

Muggers shoot businessman

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Muggers made away with TK 13.50 lakh after shooting a businessman in the capital's Dhakeshwari yesterday.

Abul Quasem, a hardware materials supplier, was admitted to DMCH. Quasem said six muggers shot him and took away the money when he with his friend Shah Alam were going to Motijheel to deposit the money into a bank. Alam escaped unhurt.

Bangladesh to

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countries most badly affected by climate change, are also affected like those of other countries in the mountain region.

In a separate press release, issued from the ICIMOD, Nepal said it signed a \$25 million agreement yesterday with the Norwegian government to support the programme.

Shamim Osman

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He said the opposition is trying to "turn" the country into another Afghanistan.

In his speech, Shamim Osman also criticised the Bangla daily Prothom Alo

EC allows upazila chairmen

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and gave verdicts on 30. Of those, 16 candidates got approval, while nominations of 14 others were cancelled, said EC officials.

Delivering the verdicts, the commission declared the candidatures of upazila chairmen, which were cancelled, valid.

The returning officers had cancelled their candidature, saying upazila chairmen hold "office of profit" of the government.

The EC yesterday sent the final list of polling centres for the upcoming election to the Bangladesh Government Press for printing it as a gazette.

For each of the 300 con-

stituencies, there will be a separate gazette containing the list of the polling centres in that constituency, said Mihir Sarwar Morshed, deputy secretary of the EC Secretariat.

"We've finalised a total of 37,711 polling centres all over the country. After printing the gazettes, we will send those to the returning officers of the constituencies," he told The Daily Star.

In the last election, the number of polling centres was 35,263 but it rose as the number of voters has increased by over 1 crore to around 9.19 crore.

Meanwhile, around 23,000 local observers of 38 organisations have appealed to the EC to observe the January 5 election. The EC in

principle has decided to allow them all. In the 9th parliamentary election, around 1.68 lakh local observers monitored the polling, according to EC sources.

Among international observers, Democracy International has appealed to deploy 13,500 monitors.

The EC has already invited around 10 international bodies including the Commonwealth, Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), European Union, National Democratic Institute, and International Republican Institute to deploy monitors but none has responded yet, said EC sources.

In the 2008 poll, the number of foreign observers was over 500.

Portuguese politician

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of Bangladesh," said the founder and executive director of South Asia Democratic Forum, a think tank aimed at facilitating cooperation among the nations of the European Union and South Asia.

Deeply shocked by the sufferings of the burn victims in hospital", Casaca said, "How such cruelty can be inflicted on innocent people is beyond my comprehension."

Regarding the upcoming national election, he opined

that the parties must make every effort to hold an election without bloodshed. "As the country prepares to celebrate Victory Day, I'm sure that you will overcome the crises soon and move on."

Following his speech, there was a cultural event featuring dance by child artistes, a street play by Natyadhara.

The museum will hold different cultural events till the morning of December 16.

Khokon shot

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Both the witnesses were cross-examined by defence counsel Abdu Shukur Khan, while the proceeding was adjourned till today.

Earlier, the tribunal allowed recording the testimony of a rape victim behind closed doors after the prosecution prayed for the facility for three witnesses.

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"That way, we will not just have social safety nets that safeguard the poor against vulnerabilities, but also give them ladders to 'climb' out and improve their situations by themselves," said Hossain Zillur.

On conservation of hilsa fish, speakers remarked that since the species cannot be cultured, their habitat must be protected.

"Hilsa, which used to swim up till the river Padma for spawning, only goes up till Meghna now," said Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute expert Anisul M Islam.

Overfishing is a major reason behind depletion of the species, the participants noted, adding that

Deal inked

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December 19.

The estimated construction cost of the main bridge is Tk 11,829 crore.

The government has decided to construct the bridge with its own fund as the World Bank and three other international donors cancelled financing for it in June last year for alleged "conspiracy of corruption" in the project. This has delayed construction of the 6.15 kilometers road-rail bridge.

Medical services

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scuffling with me. As I sought help from one of my colleagues, at one stage, they beat us up," said Awal.

Meanwhile, several interns wishing not to be named said the employee provided only one report instead of three. Requested, he delivered the other reports which were found fake.

When they protested his fault, the employee along with outsiders beat up one of the interns.

Regrouped around 7:30am, interns allegedly attacked the colony of the class IV employees and beat them up.

Fearing further violence, other doctors took shelter in safer places suspending the medical services.

Prof Dilip Kumar Dhar, principal of SSMC, said a five-member committee was formed for investigating the incident.

Prof Jamilur Reza gets

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two of the prominent development schemes to which Prof Choudhury contributed, Toda said.

Choudhury has served the country with 44 years of his professional experience while he has been involved with various Jica schemes for 25 years, he said.

He is also unofficially involved with the much talked-about \$2.5 billion Dhaka metro rail project, of which Jica is the lead financier.

"No important development scheme has been implemented without the involvement of Choudhury," said Toda.

In his reaction, Prof Choudhury said, "I am really overwhelmed by Jica's decision to recognise what-

ever contributions I have made."

The three other recipients are from Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

Addressing the award ceremony, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said Jica had been the single largest bilateral development donor of Bangladesh for the past 30 years.

He further said the proposed Padma bridge would be constructed in the next four years by Bangladesh government and termed World Bank's allegation of "conspiracy of corruption" in the project as "utter nonsense".

Economic Relations Division Secretary Md Abul Kalam Azad was present at the event among others.

17 injured as students

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Monday claiming that hospital management was negligent in ensuring safety of the doctor. They also urged the authorities concerned to change a rule of the Kendra that makes it mandatory for every student and doctor to visit rural areas.

The Kendra had sent Dr

Fire breaks out in oil tanker

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authority sources said the fire erupted around 8:30am in "OT Kingfisher-1". Md Jashim Uddin, a high official of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Chittagong, said

ICRC gives rare 1971 war

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independence.

Christine thanked the government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for its continued assistance to the ICRC.

In reply, the prime minister hoped that the photographs and documents would help the new generation know the real history of the War of Liberation.

She also thanked the ICRC for its continued assistance in Bangladesh during various natural disasters.

Ambassador-At-Large M Ziauddin, Principal Secretary Shaikh Md Wahid-Uz-Zaman and P.M.O Secretary Mollah Waheeduzzaman and Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, among others, were present.

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