Chinese FM

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two major political parties, BNP Vice-Chairman Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury told journalists.

"China believes that it is very important to establish political stability and understanding among the big political powers to continue the flow of the economical development [in Bangladesh]," he quoted Wang Yi as saying.

At the one-hour meeting starting around 8:35pm at Khaleda's Gulshan residence, the minister thanked the BNP chairperson and her party for playing a vital role in the last four decades in strengthening Bangladesh-China ties, he said.

Wang Yi hoped the relations between the two countries will be stronger in future.

Senior BNP leaders Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Moyeen Khan and Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman and Charge d'affaires of the Chinese embassy in Dhaka Qu Guangzhou were also present at the meeting.

Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office in the capital yesterday. Wang Yi is on a three-day tour of Bangladesh.

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Detained with

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went to the police and requested them to release Nasir. But police allowed him to leave only after his son was pulled out dead from the abandoned well.

"Police were trying to know the boy's whereabouts since there was no trace of him. The boy could be missing and he has to be found out. For this, police took him [Nasir] to the police station," State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told reporters at the secretariat.

"It is very regrettable if anything like that [torture] happened. But we did not hear anything like that. We heard it from you," he said when journalists asked about the alleged police torture on Nasir.

Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmud Khandker also claimed Nasir was not harassed by his force and that cops had picked him up only to inquire about Jihad's whereabouts "in a cordial atmosphere".

"Some of the kids who were playing with him [Jihad] were also taken for interrogation...Just to know what the matter was, just to inquire into the incident with honest intent."

But he added they would look into the allegation of torture on Nasir.

However, both the state minister and the police boss ignored the fact that confining a person as traumatised as Nasir was torture enough.

Interestingly, Shahjahanpur police on Saturday claimed they kept Nasir in their custody for security reasons, although there was no known threat on the man's life.

Nasir was picked up from the Railway Colony around 3:00am on Saturday, minutes after the state minister said there was no sign of the boy in the well.

The home boss, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Benazir Ahmed and other senior police officials were present at the time of his detention.

Police first took him to different places, asking him all the while about his son's whereabouts. Finally, he was taken to the Shahjahanpur Police Station, family members and locals said.

For several hours, his family was in the dark as to where he was. Later, they came to know that police took him away.

"Nasir lost his son, he is not a criminal. Police cannot confine him for so long and quiz him. This is an additional shock for a human being," a relative said, requesting anonymity.

Jihad's mother Khadiza Begum said they told the police repeatedly that her son fell into the well, but they would not believe it.

"I sent my brother to the police station but they refused to release my husband.... Police rather told my brother that we hid the boy somewhere and that they will not release my husband until my kid was found," she told The Daily Star.

A teacher of Motijheel Model School and College, where Nasir works as security guard, also went to the police station after learning about his arrest.

"Police told us that they took him for interrogation," he said.

After Jihad's body was pulled out, locals expressed their anger over the police action and demanded an investigation to know the real motive of the police.

"This is beyond imagination that the man who was already shocked will face such a cruel behaviour of police," eminent rights activist Sultana Kamal told The Daily Star.

"It is not only unethical but also inhuman and illegal. They acted beyond their jurisdiction which is not acceptable. The police personnel concerned should be brought to justice and they should offer an apology to the victim," she added.

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman said, "When they [law enforcers] were supposed to console the father and try to find out his son, they harassed him instead. This is a proof of how insensitive the law enforcers have become," he told this paper.

"This [practice] must change immediately," he said, adding that the state cannot behave with its citizens this way.

Meanwhile, an organisation named Amader Sangha formed a human chain before the Jatiya Press Club, protesting negligence in rescuing the kid and demanding resignation of the state minister for home for his irresponsible comments about the boy.

Arson returns

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treatment at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Shakhawat Hossain, emergency medical officer of the hospital.

The BNP-led 20-party alliance is enforcing a countrywide dawn-to-dusk shutdown today, protesting "the foiling" of its Gazipur rally and arrest of party men.

Meanwhile, a number of cocktails were blasted on the Dhaka University campus yesterday evening.

A 22-year-old woman named Sathi, rickshaw-puller Harun-ur Rashid, 45, and pedestrian Ruma, 28, were injured in the blasts near TSC and Shibbari Residential areas, police said.

In another incident, criminals, believed to be pro-hartal pickets, set fire to a bus carrying government staff at Purana Paltan.

There was no report of injuries in the incident, said Morshed Alam, officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station.

He said the bus carrying staff of the public administration ministry was set ablaze at the Purana Paltan intersection around 6:00pm. Later, two fire engines doused the blaze.

In Rajshahi's Shaheb Bazar area, BNP men clashed with police, leaving at least 13 injured. Police fired tear-gas and rubber bullets as pickets burnt tires on streets and vandalised some vehicles.

Pro-hartal pickets hurled a petrol bomb at the home of Habiganj superintended of police in the afternoon.

ARRESTS

Law enforcement agencies arrested at least 20 BNP leaders and activists Saturday night and yesterday for their alleged involvement in "subversive activities".

The arrestees include pro-BNP Jubo Dal chief Moazzem Hossain Alal.

Police also detained 10 BNP men from different parts of Jessore, and another in Munshiganj. In Meherpur Sadar, four pickets were arrested and five Molotov cocktails were recovered from their possession.

Meanwhile, the BNP claimed that many leaders and activists of the party were being detained unlawfully.

At a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan central office last night, BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed also accused "government agents" of vandalism and arson attacks on vehicles across the country.

Jihad died 2 hrs into fall

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volunteers around 3:00pm the following day, shortly after the government agencies called off the rescue bid on Saturday saying there was no sign of the boy inside the well.

Meanwhile, two writs were filed with the High Court seeking a number of directives, including asking the government to give adequate compensation to Jihad's family and take actions against officials who failed to rescue the boy.

AUTOPSY REPORT

Rust particles were found under Jihad's fingernails, proving that the boy desperately tried to hold on to the wall of steel pipe, used to reinforce the shaft, during the plunge, the forensic experts said.

He also sustained head injuries and is believed to have fallen unconscious inside the well. Later, he drowned in the water at the bottom.

"The presence of water inside the boy's stomach, respiratory system and lungs indicates that his death was caused by drowning," said Prof Habibuzzman Chowdhury who led the forensic team.

The professor of Forensic Medicine Department of the DMCH told The Daily Star that Jihad might have died two hours into his fall.

"Even if there were no water, the [head] injury itself could prove fatal for him," he said, adding that Jihad's body received some more injury marks while being pulled above.

After the autopsy, the body was taken to his ancestral village of Nagerpara in Shariatpur's Gosairhat upazila and buried there. Several thousand people attended his janaza before the burial.

WRITS WITH HIGH COURT

Rights organisation Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation (CCBF) and Supreme Court lawyer Syed Mayeenul Huq filed writs as public interest litigations in connection with the tragic death of Jihad.

The CCBF pleaded with the HC to issue a rule upon the authorities to explain why they should not be directed to give compensation of Tk 30 lakh to Jihad's family for "gross negligence and violation of human rights and right to life guaranteed by the constitution", and to give proper honour, appreciation and recognition to the volunteers who recovered Jihad's body.

It also prayed that the court ask the government as to why it should not be directed to file a murder case against the director general of Fire Service and Civil Defence and its director (operation and maintenance); the director general of Bangladesh Railway and the managing director of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority for their alleged negligence and failure to rescue Jihad.

The CCBF also urged the court to issue a rule upon the government on making a list of pipes, wells, tube wells, sewerage pipes, holes and water tanks left uncared or uncovered or unsafe throughout the country and submit the list to the court in two months.

Syed Mayeenul Huq in his petition appealed to the HC to order the government to form a high powered expert committee, including the volunteers, to investigate why the government officials failed to rescue Jihad.

He also prayed to the court to ask the government to take legal steps against the police personnel who had held Jihad's father Nasir Fakir for around 12 hours at Shahjahanpur Police Station on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the BNP yesterday alleged that the government was not sincere in the rescue bid, and said, "People are in doubt whether the administration used the incident in its own interests."

"The remarks of the state minister for home affairs and the government high officials about the rescue operation were confusing and the rescue efforts were mere eyewash," BNP Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed told the press at the party's Nayapaltan office.

42 Hindus

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Razakar, a force that collaborated with the Pakistan army, the witness said.

"Razakar Harun suggested that we should leave immediately," said Aziz, adding that they had left the place and gone to the south of the market.

"From there we heard a sound of whistle first. Then came the sounds of gunshots," said the witness who along with the two others fled from the spot.

Aziz said later around 8:00pm that day he had learnt that around 42 people were shot dead at the market.

The next day, Razakars took the bodies to Brishkhali on boats and dumped them in a mass grave, he added.

The witness identified all three accused produced before the tribunal yesterday.

Earlier, two prosecution witnesses including a victim had given description of the killings at Shakharikathi Bazar.

The trio -- Sirajul, Akram and Latif -- face eight charges for their alleged involvement in crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Bagerhat in 1971. They pleaded not guilty.

The proceeding of the case was adjourned until today.

The three-member tribunal yesterday also deferred until January 6 the hearing of a bail petition filed by the defence of war crimes suspect Shamsuddin Ahmed of Kishoreganj.

AirAsia plane goes missing

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The search halted around 11 hours later, with no sign of the plane. It would resume at 7am Monday, or even earlier if the weather was good, Indonesian transport ministry official Hadi Mustofa told AFP.

Air traffic controllers lost contact with the twin-engine aircraft around an hour after it left Surabaya's Juanda international airport at about 5:20am (2220 GMT Saturday). No signal was received from it.

Shortly before disappearing, the pilot asked to ascend by 6,000 feet to 38,000 feet to avoid heavy clouds, according to an Indonesian transport ministry official.

"The plane requested to air traffic control to fly to the left side, which was approved," Djoko Murjatmodjo told a press conference.

"But their request to fly to 38,000 feet from 32,000 feet could not be approved at that time due to traffic, there was a flight above, and five minutes later the flight disappeared from radar."

"According to our climate radar, the weather was not good. There was enough cumulonimbus (cloud) there," said Murjatmodjo.

Of the people on board the Airbus A320-200, 155 are Indonesian, three are South Korean, one is British, one is French, one is Malaysian and one is Singaporean, the airline said.

Seventeen children, including one infant, are among the passengers, the carrier said. Seven of the people on board are crew members.

At the airport in Surabaya, loved ones gathered and wept as they waited for any word on the passengers.

Some took cell phone pictures of a flight manifest posted on a wall. The black-and-white papers showed every passenger's name and seat number, but not their fate.

Others simply sat and dabbed tears from their eyes.

"Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. We must stay strong," AirAsia Chief Executive Tony Fernandes said on Twitter, adding that this is his worst nightmare. He traveled to Surabaya, where most of the passengers are from.

As word spread of the missing plane, the airline changed the color of its logo on its website and social media accounts from red to gray.

Pope Francis prayed for the missing, according to Vatican Radio.

THUNDERSTORMS

Flight 8501 "was requesting deviation due to en route weather before communication with the aircraft was lost," the airline said.

The flight's captain asked permission to climb to a higher altitude, Murdjatmojo said, according to the national news agency.

According to flight tracking websites, almost the entire flight path of the plane was over the sea.

Bad weather gripped the region at the time, CNN meteorologist Derek Van Dam said.

"We still had lines of very heavy thunderstorms" when the plane was flying, Van Dam said. "But keep in mind, turbulence doesn't necessarily bring down airplanes."

CNN aviation analyst Mary Schiavo said that if there was an onboard emergency, the pilots should have issued a mayday call or a pan-pan call.

"Mayday means you're immediately in danger of losing the flight; pan-pan means that it is urgent but that you can continue the flight and request an alternate route or an alternate airport," said Schiavo, a former inspector general for the US Department of Transportation.

"It's disconcerting in that the standard procedures for an emergency don't seem to have been deployed," she said.

The bad weather in the area is also likely to hamper the search efforts for the aircraft, said Alan Diehl, a former US air accident investigator.

The Malaysian government said it had deployed three vessels and three aircraft to help Indonesian authorities in the search for the plane. Singapore said it had activated its rescue and aviation agencies. Australia and India said said they had also offered assistance.

Safety Reputation

AirAsia is a Malaysia-based airline that is popular in the region as a budget carrier. It has about 100 destinations, with affiliate companies in several Asian countries.

The missing plane is operated by AirAsia's Indonesian affiliate, in which the Malaysian company holds a 48.9% stake, according to its website.

AirAsia has a "very good" reputation for safety, CNN aviation correspondent Richard Quest said.

Police enter New Age office

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officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Industrial

Police Station, entered the office premises at 8:20pm without any search warrant, said Farid Ahmed, chief news editor of the English daily.

As the policemen approached the reception on the ground floor, some of journalists asked them why they had entered the office premises, he told The Daily Star.

OC Salauddin told them that he had "serious information" and police needed to search the newspaper office. He, however, didn't elaborate despite repeated requests, said Farid.

According to an online report of the New Age, the journalists told the OC that they would cooperate with police if necessary, but he was very aggressive.

The journalists then asked the policemen to show search warrant and specify the reason for entering the office premises. But the OC, who was in plain clothes, didn't give any explanation and asked the law enforcers to search the office.

"Search every corner of the office," he was quoted as telling his men. The OC continued to shout and threatened the journalists saying, "Are you out of law? Have you bought the country?"

He threatened the journalists with dire consequences.

The policemen videoed several newspaper staffs on their mobile phones, and finally left the office, said the New Age report.

Contacted, Salauddin said they went to the newspaper office on information that some Jamaat-e-Islami men were holding a "secret meeting" in the area over today's shutdown.

He denied misbehaving with the newspaper staffs or making any threats.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Director, CEMSU, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

Invitation for Tender (National)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.		
2	Agency	Civil Aviation Authority.		
3	Procuring entity name	CEMSU, CAAB.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Closed Circuit Television with integration (without interrupting smooth operation) of the existing System on turn-key basis for Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong.		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	সিএবি/কম(৬-৩)/CTG/2014/৩৭০.		
8	Date	21/12/2014.		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (Single stage two envelope).		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	CAAB's own fund.		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A.		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A.		
14	Tender No.	CEMSU/Com-15/2014-2015.		
		Date		
15	Tender publication date	By 30/12/2014.		
16	Tender last selling date	21/01/2015.		
		Date	Time	
17	Tender closing date and time	22/01/2015	12.01pm	
18	Tender opening date and time (technical offer)	22/01/2015	12.15pm.	
19	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
	- Selling tender document (others)	Cash Section of Director (Finance), CAAB, HQ, Dhaka.		
	- Receiving tender document	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
	- Opening tender document	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
20	Place/date/time of			
	Pre-tender meeting shall be held	N/A.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
21	Eligibility of tenderer	CEMSU enlisted contractor/any Bangladeshi Company who has the qualifications compliance with ITT Clause 14.1(a), 14.1(b), 15.1(a) & 15.1 (b) of tender document are eligible to participate in the tender competitions.		
22	Brief description of goods or works	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Closed Circuit Television with integration (without interrupting smooth operation) of the existing System on turn-key basis for Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong.		
23	Price of tender document	Tk. 1000.0 (one thousand) only (non-refundable).		

	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
24	1	-	-	Tk. 3,96,000.00 (three lac ninety-six thousand) (refundable)	120 (one hundred twenty) days.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
25	Name of official inviting tender	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.		
27	Address of official inviting tender	CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 8901791, 8901788	Fax No. 8901411	e-mail dcemsu@caab.gov.bd

29 N.B: i. Two separate envelope (one for Technical & other for Financial) must be sealed properly and then put into another envelope. Only Technical offer will be opened on the fixed opening date. Financial offer of the responsive tender will be opened by notifying them. Bid bond must be submitted along with the technical offer.
ii. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders thereof.
iii. In case of any unavoidable circumstances (Transport Problem, natural calamities etc) in the fixed date, tenders will be opened on the next office working days in the same schedule time).

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