

TIB for long

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At the meeting, TIB members said that raising awareness among people against corruption was possible if the TIB and the Anti-Corruption Commission worked together at national and local levels.

They demanded the prime minister, cabinet members, advisers, law-makers, judges, high government officials and politicians disclose their wealth statements and update those regularly.

They also demanded the government scrap the opportunity to whiten black money.

The TIB members called upon the government to be proactive in preventing money laundering and bringing back the laundered money from abroad. Quick rental power plant projects should also be discouraged, they added.

They decried the "failure" of the Election Commission and the law enforcement agencies to prevent the electoral code of conduct violations, violence, vote rigging, and grabbing of polling centres during the recent city polls.

The political crisis between January and March hindered the democratic progress and establishment of good governance, they said.

M Hafiz Uddin Khan, the chief guest at the programme and also TIB Trustee, said, "People's expectation from the TIB is very high... So the social movement against corruption has to be taken forward through conducting research on different sectors and running awareness programmes, especially those engaging the youths."

TIB member Major Gen (ret'd) Imamuzzaman presided over the programme, moderated by TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman.

World's oldest

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knot at a hotel in the seaside town of Eastbourne, southern England, before close friends and family.

The bride wore a white dress with blue flowers while the groom, a former boxer, was dressed smartly in a suit and tie, and was in a wheelchair following a recent fall.

With a combined age of 194 years, the pair beat the previous record held by a French couple, Francois Fernandez and Madeleine Francineau, who had a combined age of 191 years.

Speaking ahead of the ceremony, Luckie said the couple had "no regrets" about not doing it earlier. "We didn't want to bother about marriage before but eventually we did it," she said.

India decided

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hours, when the operation was expected to be over, sources said.

According to sources, the Army has been given permission to pursue militants across the border in case of a counter strike. Doval will now work out the modalities of putting in place a permanent framework for Indian forces to pursue militants across the border in continuation of the 2010 agreement between India and Myanmar, they added.

In the June 9 cross-border operation, the special forces went almost 11km inside Myanmar, 5km farther than what had been initially planned.



Agitating students and locals block the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in City Gate area of Chittagong, protesting the killing of two students in a road accident yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Reckless truck kills 2

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both sides of the highway, causing immense public sufferings.

The deceased were Wahidul Hasan, 21, and Delwar Hossain Shamim, 21, of Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong. They were first year students at Accounting department of Alhaj Mostafa Hakim Degree College in Uttar Kattali.

Their classmate Jiham was also injured. He was treated at a local hospital.

Police said the accident took place around 10:15am when a speedy truck lost control and hit the three students, who were going to their college, from behind in City Gate area.

Critically injured Wahid and Shamim were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where on-duty doctors declared them dead, said sources at the hospital.

Witnesses said locals caught the truck

driver when he was trying to escape. Later, he was handed over to police.

Police said the truck that killed the two students was heading towards a local storehouse owned by M Manjur Alam, former mayor of Chittagong City Corporation. Manjur is also the founder of the college where the victims studied.

Hearing about the accident, fellow students and relatives of the victims rushed to the hospital. Shamim's father Shamsul, a worker at Hafiz Jute Mill, fainted several times.

The road on which the accident happened is adjacent to the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

Even though the road was not spacious enough for movement of trucks, such vehicles often used it to reach and go from the storehouse, according to students.

"Why trucks have to ply the road

where two rickshaws cannot go together at a time?" asked an angry student at the hospital.

Arefin Jewel, additional deputy commissioner (west) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said the protesters, who were students of the college and locals, left the highway around 1:00pm on assurance that their demands would be met.

The demands include ensuring closure of the storehouse, stopping movement of heavy vehicles on the road and exemplary punishment to the truck driver.

The police official said the demand regarding the storehouse had already been conveyed to the former mayor and he had assured that it would be fulfilled.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Alamgir, principal of the college, declared to give families of the two students Tk 1 lakh each from the college fund.

Khaleda still unwilling

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But a section of BNP leaders and workers think it would be good for the party if it leaves Jamaat and stands on its own feet.

Talking to this newspaper, senior party leader Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman said, "It's now international sentiment that BNP should leave Jamaat. The issue is also being discussed within our party. I think a positive decision to this end would be made after discussions at a party forum."

Mahbub, a member of BNP standing committee, said he does not think the party has benefited from its alliance with Jamaat. Rather, it has created a scope for the government and others to malign BNP because of the Islamist party's anti-Liberation War image.

According to some BNP men, there is a growing criticism inside and outside the party for Khaleda's Jamaat leaning. A section of pro-BNP intellectuals have also advised her to desert Jamaat to restore its image as a moderate democratic party, they said.

Badruddoza Chowdhury, BNP's founding secretary general and now president of Bikolpodhara Bangladesh, at a programme on Friday said under Khaleda Zia's leadership, Jamaat-dependant politics is going on inside BNP.

The BNP started drawing flak since Jamaat's link with different militant outfits, especially with terror outfits Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh and Jagrata Muslim Janata came to the fore in 2005, added the party men.

Different Western and European countries prescribed BNP to end Jamaat ties after the Islamist party's violent offensive during the anti-government movement in 2014 and after the war crimes verdict on its top leaders in 2013.

A US-based research group in 2014 put Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, among top 10 most active non-state armed groups across the world in 2013.

The study conducted by IHS Inc was titled "IHS Jane's 2013 Global

Terrorism & Insurgency Attack Index". Shibir was ranked third.

Still, Khaleda prefers to continue her party's "historic tie" with Jamaat that was initiated by her late husband and BNP founder Ziaur Rahman, a senior BNP leader told The Daily Star wishing anonymity.

"But now the BNP chief has to review her ties with Jamaat, considering a changed geopolitical situation, particularly India's greater role in this region," he added.

A BNP source close to Khaleda told this correspondent that during her talks with Narendra Modi, she has indicated that "the BNP is ready to leave Jamaat if India has any reservation to this end."

Some party sources, however, claimed Khaleda was also "very unhappy" with Jamaat's "inactive role" during the opposition's three-month anti-government movement from January 6 for a fresh election under a caretaker government.

She might bring the issue before the party's highest policy-level meeting, added the sources.

PRESS BRIEFING

Yesterday, the BNP organised a press briefing in the wake of criticism that BNP's politics has become dependent on Jamaat.

Addressing journalists, BNP Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon claimed there is no idealistic relation between BNP and Jamaat. "BNP follows Ziaur Rahman's ideal and his philosophy while Jamaat has its own," Ripon said at the briefing, held at the party's Naya Paltan central office.

"It [BNP's tie with Jamaat] is the need of time and the relation is only electoral and strategic. Awami League also backtracked from Bangabandhu's dream of Baksal and returned to its mainstream again during Ziaur Rahman's period," he added.

Ripon said he was not aware of any pressure on BNP to discard Jamaat. "There are left parties like Nap (Bhasani) and Samyabadi Dal in the 20-party alliance. But that does not necessarily mean that BNP is doing leftist politics. This is just electoral

and political alliance," added Ripon.

JAMAAT'S VIEW
Some Jamaat leaders said they have dealt with so many problems since the Awami League's victory in 2008 polls that the latest tension over BNP-Jamaat relations has not worried them much.

"All our focus is now on saving our top leaders facing war crimes charges. Especially, we are busy finding ways to deal with the Supreme Court's final verdict on the party's secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed on July 16," a Jamaat central leader told this reporter.

A close aide to central Jamaat leader Abdullah Mohammad Taher said the BNP will keep Jamaat in the 20-party alliance for its own sake.

"Jamaat will not waste time if BNP finally forces the party to quit the 20-party alliance. But we will not quit the alliance on our own taking any blame on our shoulder," said a member of Jamaat's Majlish-e Shura, top decision-making body of the party.

Female cop gang-raped

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after sedating her when she went to his house to see her three-year-old daughter.

She could not say how she was sedated.

She managed to flee the house Thursday afternoon and later went to Khilgaon Police Station to file a case but the on-duty policemen said they would accept a case only after investigation, the woman said at One-Stop Crisis Centre (OCC) of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Yesterday, Khilgaon police recorded a case against the accused assistant sub-inspector. The husband was transferred to Special Security and Protection Battalion from Khilgaon Police Station on Thursday.

The cops also arrested one Rahman in this connection.

Anwar Hossain, deputy commissioner (Motijheel) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star that action would be taken if the policeman was found guilty.

According to OCC sources, her forensic test would be performed on her today.

After their divorce in November, the female cop lodged a dowry case against her husband with Gazipur court. Her husband got an anticipatory bail that month and received the custody of their daughter.

Our correspondent did not get any answer from the ASI, despite calling him several times.

WOMAN RAPED IN RAMPURA
Another woman was gang-raped at Palashbagh area of Rampura in the capital on Friday.

The victim along with her husband on Friday morning reached Rampura from Chittagong to visit her aunt.

When the aunt went to work around 10:00am, four men stormed the house, confined the husband to a room and raped the woman.

The victim was admitted to the OCC yesterday.

Two cases, one for rape and another for assault, were filed with Rampura Police Station in this connection yesterday, said Mahbubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Rain worsens flooding

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The Teesta due to the onrush of water from upstream.

Surging water washed away more than 40 feet of the approach road on the eastern bank that caused the sudden collapse of the bridge. Locals said the authorities concerned did not repair the bridge last year despite their repeated appeals.

Students of the villages could not go to their respective education institutions in the last three days, said Saidur Rahman, a local.

About 500 bighas of arable land, 10 banana plantations, three bamboo clusters and 60 homesteads of 12 villages in Lalmonirhat sadar, Aditmari and Hatibandha upazilas were washed away.

Hundreds of villagers in the district have been suffering.

In Kurigram, flood situation is likely to worsen along all the 16 rivers in the district, including the Brahmaputra, Dharla, Teesta and Dudhkumar. Floodwater has inundated the shoal and lowland areas.

Water was flowing 17 centimetres under the danger level at Bridge point of the Dharla and 17cm under at Chilmari point of the Brahmaputra yesterday, said officials at the WDB.

In Rangpur, at least 20 houses and more than 100 acres of cropland in

Gangachhara upazila have been washed away by the Teesta in the last three days.

The homeless families said they did not get any help from the government or any NGOs.

Water level in the Jamuna river was flowing around 9cm above the danger level at Shariakandi and Dhunat points in Bogra. Fifteen villages in the areas were flooded due to collapse of a flood control embankment Friday afternoon.

Executive Engineer of WDB Ruhul Amin said they had tried their best but could not fully repair the embankment before its collapse due to abnormal weather.

Flash flood has hit several parts of Sylhet Division due to heavy rainfall and onrush of water from the Indian hills that led to marooning of several thousand people.

Water was flowing above the danger level in the Surma and the Kushiara rivers yesterday, while road communications between Guainghat upazila and other upazilas in Sylhet have snapped as roads and bridges of the Guainghat-Sylhet highway got submerged.

The dykes at Nayeakhel, Bhattikhel, Thubang, Baladara and Shurkhel have already collapsed.

Abdul Motin, deputy divisional engineer of WDB, Sylhet, said floodwater

had inundated around 30 villages in the region.

Low-lying areas in Sunamganj sadar and Tahirpur upazila have been flooded, leaving 500 families marooned. Major parts of Biswambharpur, Doarabazar and Jamalganj upazilas in the district were submerged.

Around 35 villages in Sunamganj had been flooded, said Abdul Motin.

Train service on Mymensingh-Jamalpur route was disrupted for three hours yesterday as railway lines went under water in Mymensingh after the town experienced the highest rainfall in recent years yesterday.

Around 15 schools in the town suspended ongoing examinations as classrooms were flooded.

Around 84mm rain was recorded in Mymensingh in three hours until noon yesterday, according to Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

Intercity Teesta Express left for Jamalpur around 1:20pm after a three-hour halt at Mymensingh Railway Station, said Station Master Abu Taher.

Rainwater also entered the Kewathkali power sales and distribution office in the area. As a result, power service was disrupted for several hours, said Jahangir Alam Jewel, an executive engineer.

Our correspondents from the districts have contributed to this report.

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Addendum-1
Date: June 11, 2015

Extension of Deadline for Submission of Bids

The following amendments are made against IFB No. GTCL-G2, dated April 26, 2015 for "Design, Supply, Installation and Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning/Enterprise Asset Management (ERP/EAM) System and Related Support and Training" under IDA Credit No: 4508-BD:

1. The deadlines for selling of bidding documents and for submission & opening of bids are extended as follows:

- (a) Last selling date of bidding documents (invitation for bids: Sl. No. 6) : July 7, 2015.
- (b) Deadline for submission of bids (Section II. BDS: ITB 21.1) : July 8, 2015 at 12:00 noon (BST).
- (c) Opening of bids (Section II. BDS: ITB 24.1) : July 8, 2015 at 12:30pm (BST).

2. This addendum-1 shall be treated as integral part of the bidding documents. All other terms and conditions of the bidding documents shall remain unchanged.

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CIA reveals

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other government investigations.

"Concerning certain issues, the team concluded that the (CIA) and its officers did not discharge their responsibilities in a satisfactory manner," the report states.

The inspector general's investigation followed a joint congressional inquiry that concluded that the US intelligence community did not have a comprehensive strategy for combating al-Qaeda.

The report found that no CIA employee violated laws and that the errors in intelligence gathering were not the product of misconduct.

The problem, the report states, is that agents did not perform their jobs satisfactorily. One section of interest touched on the role of Saudi Arabia and its links, if any, with al-Qaeda.

While there was some speculation among US intelligence agents that a "few" Saudi government officials may have supported bin Laden, there was not enough information to confirm, the report states.

"The team encountered no evidence that the Saudi government knowingly and willingly supported al-Qaeda terrorists," the report states.

Much of the section on Saudi Arabia was redacted. The documents can be found at <http://www.foia.cia.gov/collection/decclassified-documents-related-911-attacks>.



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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bona-fide Local Transport Contractor for Transportation of the following Items from SSD Rajandrapur Cantonment to Bangladesh Ordnance Factories (BOF) Gazipur Cantonment, From 1st July 2015 to 30 June 2016 :

Ser	Nomenclature & Qty	Last Date of Selling Tender Form	Date of Dropping & Opening Tender	Currency	Price of Tender Form	Tender No. & Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	a) Transportation of Ration goods (Rice, Ata, Sugar & Edible Oil) Monthly 150 M.Ton approximate. b) Transportation of Packing Materials (Empty Sacks & Drum) Monthly 02 Trips	24 June 2015 1300 hrs	25 June 2015 Dropping 1200 hrs Opening 1205 hrs	Local	Tk.750/- (Non refundable)	23.04.0000.166.386.4846. 13.14 dt. 06-06-2015

- 2. Suppliers enlisted in BOF who have security clearance will only be eligible to participate in the above tenders.
- 3. Tender forms with detail specifications and terms & conditions will be available in BOF on all working days between 9 AM to 1 PM.
- 4. Commandant BOF reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without any reason thereof.
- 5. The Supplier will be able to submit only one offer against the purchased tender schedule.

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