

Emergency in Tunisia

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statement shared on jihadist social media accounts has claimed responsibility for the bombing in a busy area in the heart of Tunis, a few hundred metres (yards) from the interior ministry, which came as the 26th Carthage Film Festival was in full swing.

The Jihadist group previously staged attacks in the North African country, often seen as a rare success story of the Arab Spring after its 2011 overthrow of longtime dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

Twelve presidential guards were killed and 20 other people were wounded in Tuesday's blast, including four civilians, according to a preliminary toll from the health ministry.

The remains of a 13th person found at the scene have not yet been identified, officials said.

"It could be that this is a terrorist," Health Minister Said Aidi told national television.

According to unconfirmed reports in Tunisian media, the blast was caused by a man wearing an explosives belt.

Some presidential guards expressed concern that not enough was being done to protect them from attacks.

"For years this place has been our gathering point but they didn't think to change it although we are the first to be targeted," one guard said of the site of the bombing.

The transport ministry announced following the blast that security would be reinforced in the country's ports and only passengers would be allowed to enter Tunis's international airport.

Tunisia has been plagued by Islamist violence since the 2011 revolution and dozens of members of the security forces have been killed.

Two attacks this year claimed by the Islamic State group targeted foreigners -- at the National Bardo Museum in March, killing 21 tourists and a policeman, and at a resort hotel in Sousse in June, killing 38 tourists.

A year ago, a bus carrying troops was attacked by two armed men in northwest Tunisia, according to the defence ministry. Five soldiers were killed.

In July 2014, 15 soldiers were killed in the Mount Chaambi region near the Algerian border, in the worst such attack in the army's history.

The United States condemned the latest attack and offered to help the Tunisian

authorities with their investigation.

Tunisia's press yesterday called for national unity and resistance.

"United against barbarism" declared Le Quotidien. "Tunisia will not bend," said Le Temps, while Al Maghreb called for "a new philosophy and special measures" to fight terrorism.

The attack came after a jihadist group on Sunday claimed the beheading of a young Tunisian shepherd on behalf of IS, accusing him of having informed the army about their movements in the central province of Sidi Bouzid.

Thousands of Tunisians are fighting in neighbouring Libya, as well as in Iraq and Syria on the side of jihadists.

IS CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY

In a statement shared on jihadist social media accounts, the IS said a Tunisian suicide bomber named "Abou Abdallah al-Tounissi" boarded the bus in central Tunis on Tuesday and blew himself up.

IS published a photo of the attacker dressed in white and wearing an explosives vest, his head and face covered with a scarf.

The jihadist group said 20 people had been killed.

EP to debate on freedom

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(S&D group) in the EP, expresses serious concern over "the violations of freedom of expression and free media coverage in Bangladesh."

The text of the motion, available on the EP website, is yet to be adopted as a resolution.

With reference to the "new media policy" published by the government on August 6, 2014, it says "elements of this policy impose limits on media freedom."

The group calls on the government to bring the Cyber-Security Act of 2015 and the Information and Communication Technology Act in line with "international free speech standards, and drop the criminalisation of 'anti-State' publications".

It strongly calls on the Bangladeshi

authorities to launch a credible and transparent investigation into the killing of publishers, bloggers and foreign nationals and "to recognise and respect freedom of the press and media and to allow human rights groups to play an important role in strengthening accountability and documenting human rights abuses."

It asks the government to drop "all charges against editors and journalists who have published content critical of the government, allow the immediate opening of all media houses and social media services that were shut and immediately restore full and unhindered access to all forms of publications, including electronic ones."

It also asks the government "to allow international NGOs in the country to undertake their mission, includ-

ing Amnesty International and Transparency International."

It urges the government "to launch an investigation into the extra-judicial killings and enforced disappearances of opposition political activists in the country" and to release "all opposition political leaders that have been illegally detained for participating or being thought to be participating in protected speech and assembly."

It calls on the government of Bangladesh "to accept the call for a national dialogue from opposition political parties and civil society organisations on the current crises."

It asks the EU to review its trade relations with Bangladesh until it ensures the return of democratic governance in the country.

Common concern for all

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General Mahbubul Alam Hanif told The Daily Star yesterday.

Some senior AL leaders have already said that their party might face intra-party rivalries in the polls.

Hanif, however, yesterday said the party would take proper actions in such cases. "After finalising the criteria by the party central committee, respective district leaders and MPs will select the prospective mayor aspirants with several alternatives on the basis of the criteria," he added.

The party's selection board would make the final decision on who gets to run and everyone would have to be okay with that, he added.

The BNP in the wee hours of today decided in principle to take part in the polls despite having concerns whether the polls would be free and fair.

Talking to The Daily Star before the meeting, BNP Joint Secretary General Md Shahajam said they would work to ensure just one mayor candidate from the party in each municipality.

Leaders at the meeting held at BNP chief Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office were largely in favour of taking part in the polls.

At a formal briefing after the marathon meeting, BNP spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon said BNP leaders entrusted Khaleda to make the final decision. "No decision about the matter has been finalised yet. She'll inform

us about her decision soon."

"Although we have doubts that the present Election Commission will not be able to hold a free and fair election, most of us spoke in favour of joining the polls," BNP standing committee member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star after the meeting early today.

Most senior leaders told the BNP chief that the party would gain more if it joined the polls despite the possibility of the ruling party "snatching polls result", meeting sources added.

Many grassroots level BNP leaders, who are not in jail or are "braving the possibility of getting arrested", have already started working for the campaign. However, some were of the view that the elections would not change the government so why bother risking arrest or reprisal from the ruling party men.

BNP policymakers think the party would benefit even if the government "snatches the results" of the municipalities through manipulation as the party would get people's sympathy as well as the support of the international community.

The main opposition Jatiya Party is rather ahead with its election preparations.

The party headquarters has already instructed its president and secretaries of all district units and MPs to send in a list of prospective mayor candidates, JP president member Tajul Islam Chowdhury

yesterday told The Daily Star.

"On receiving the lists, the party chairman (HM Ershad) would finalise one candidate for each of the mayoral posts," said Tajul, also opposition chief whip.

Jamaat-e-Islami leaders said they were positive about taking part in the elections although the party had been facing its worst ever time since its rebirth in independent Bangladesh in 1979.

Mosiu Alam, member, Jamaat central majlis-e-sura, said a six-member election committee, led by the party's acting secretary general Shafiqur Rahman, would finalise its mayor aspirants on discussion with BNP and other components in the BNP-led 20-party alliance.

In the past, all parties had problem with rebel candidates in local body elections carving out their share of the pie. The dissidents caused headaches for party policymakers then and the same could happen this time around. The parties could only nominate one candidate per post, according to the rules.

However, those elections, unlike the upcoming one, were "non-partisan" in nature.

The EC yesterday directed all returning officers of upcoming municipality polls to remove campaign posters, banners and billboards, by early Friday since no candidate is allowed to campaign three weeks before election day.

Furious Putin warns Turkey

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described Turkey's action as a "crime" and a "stab in the back," warning of serious consequences, reports AP

Yesterday, Putin ordered the military to deploy the S-400s to Hemeimeem and took other measures that "should be sufficient to ensure flight safety."

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said that the Russian missile cruiser Moskva already has moved closer to shore to protect the Russian aircraft flying missions near Syria's border with Turkey with its long-range Fort air defense system.

Shoigu also said that from now on all Russian bombers will be escorted by fighters on their combat missions in Syria. He said that his ministry has severed all contacts with the Turkish military.

RUSSIAN PILOT IN SYRIA

A Russian pilot who went missing after his jet was shot down by Turkey while taking part in air strikes over Syria was rescued in a 12-hour operation involving special forces, Russia says.

The pilot is "alive and well" at a Russian air base in Syria, it says.

His co-pilot and a marine involved in a failed rescue attempt were killed.

Turkey said the jet had strayed into its airspace but Russian President Vladimir Putin says the plane was flying over Syrian territory.

It is not clear what has happened to the body of the other pilot, who was killed by gunfire as he parachuted from his burning plane, writes BBC.

'NO INTENTION TO GO TO WAR'

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who cancelled his planned trip to Turkey after the incident, described the shooting down of the Russian plane as a "planned provocation."

He said the Turkish action came after Russian planes successfully targeted the oil infrastructure used by the Islamic State, alleging that Turkey benefited from the oil trade.

Lavrov also said that Turkish territory was used by "terrorists" to prepare terror attacks in other countries, but offered no details.

He said that Russia "has no intention to go to war with Turkey," but added that Moscow will re-consider its ties with Ankara.

The Russian Foreign Ministry already has warned Russians against traveling to Turkey, and some leading Russian tourist agencies suspended the sales of tour packages to Turkey.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday that Turkey does not wish to escalate tensions.

Speaking at a meeting in Istanbul, Erdogan said that Turkey favours "peace, dialogue and diplomacy." He defended his country's move to shoot down the plane saying: "no one should expect Turkey to stay silent to border violations or the violation of its rights."


'JMB leader'

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officials claimed.

The detectives claimed that they had arrested a number of people and when a DB team went to the spot to arrest Shahdat, they were involved in a "gunfight" around 11:30pm.

He was declared dead on arrival at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early today when DB officials took him there.



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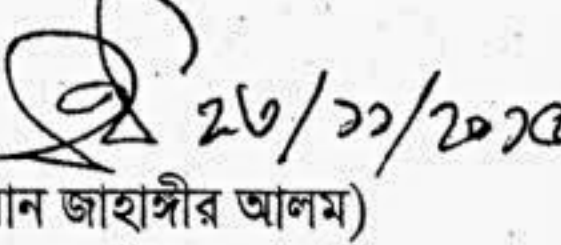
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০৬	দরপত্র আহবানের নং ও তারিখ	:	৪২১০/মউশিক/প্রশাঃ/অঃসঃ/০৭/১৫/১০২১ তাং-২৬/১১/২০১৫			
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০৮	অর্থের উৎস	:	জি ও বি			
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The Public Procurement Act-2006 & The Public Procurement Regulations-2008-এর বিধি বিধান এ টেন্ডারের ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য হবে। টেন্ডার সিডিউলে অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী পাওয়া যাবে। টেন্ডার সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় বিষয়ে প্রকল্প কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত ও গ্রহণযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন টেন্ডার বা সকল টেন্ডার গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।



(হাসান জাহানীর আলম)
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Untold story

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Jews fleeing German-occupied territories experienced, American University history professor Richard Breitman wrote in 2007 upon the discovery of documents chronicling the Franks' struggle to get US visas.

"Otto Frank's efforts to get his family to the US ran afoul of restrictive American immigration policies designed to protect national security and guard against an influx of foreigners during time of war."

Breitman told NPR in 2007 that the documents suggest "Anne Frank could be a 77-year-old woman living in Boston today -- a writer."

Instead, she died at the age of 15 at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany.

Otto Frank tried relatively late to obtain US visas, a convoluted and ultimately doomed process laid bare in the 80 pages of documents unearthed by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

In a letter to his friend Nathan Straus Jr in the US, Otto Frank wrote that he applied for US visas -- applications that were eventually destroyed.

"The story seems to unfold in slow motion as the painstaking exchange of letters journey across continents and from state to state, their information often outdated by the time they arrive," the New York Times wrote after reviewing the YIVO documents. "The moment the Franks and their American supporters overcame one administrative or logistical obstacle, another arose."

The Frank family went into hiding in 1942, a day after Margot Frank received a Nazi order to go east to a labour camp and a month after Anne Frank received a diary for her 13th birthday.

They were eventually discovered and sent to concentration camps, where Anne and her sister, Margot, died of typhus and their mother died of starvation.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD E/M DIVISION-1, DHAKA

INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER(Works).

TENDER MEMO NO : Est.Sec-1-2015 / 243 DATE : 10.08.1422, 24.11.2015

RE - TENDER NO : 19 (2015-2016) 2nd Call

01.	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works.		
02.	Agency	Public Works Department.		
03.	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-1, Dhaka.		
04.	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
05.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
06.	Invitation For	Tender for Lifts of Rajarbag Police Hospital, Dhaka		
07.	Invitation Ref. No	N/A		
08.	Date	24.11.2015.		
KEY INFORMATION				
09.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
11.	Tender Last Selling Date	13.12.2015 Upto Office Hours.		
12.	Tender Closing Date and Time	14.12.2015 Upto 12.00 Hours (Tender may be Submitted any day before Last Date)		
13.	Tender Opening Date and Time	14.12.2015 At 02.00 PM.		
14.	Name & Addresses of the Offices Selling Tender Document			
	Principal	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-1, Dhaka.		
	Other's	(i) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, (ii) AIG(State), Police Head Quarters, Dhaka (iii) PWD E/M Division-2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 / 7 / 8, Dhaka, / PWD E/M Mechanical Workshop Division, Dhaka, / PWD Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka, / PWD Division-1, Dhaka. PWD Subdivision-5, (Under PWD Division-4), Dhaka.		
15.	Name & Addresses of the Offices Receiving Tender Document			
	Principal	Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-1, Dhaka.		
	Other's	i. Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, 1 st 12-Storeyed Govt. Office Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka. ii. Police Commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Minto Road, Dhaka. iii. PWD E/M Division-7, SB Nagar, Dhaka. iv. AIG(State), Police Head Quarters, Dhaka.		
16.	Pre-Tender Meeting	Not Applicable		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
17.	Eligibility of Tenderer	This invitation for Tender is open to all eligible Tenderers having the following qualification:- (a). Reputed bona fide firm / organization having (i). Upto date Trade License, (ii). Up-to-date TIN, VAT Registration Certificate (iii). Bank Solvency Certificate (iv). Valid ABC category Electrical License & Supervisory License from Electrical Licensing Board (v). Agencyship Certificate. (b). Having experience in successful completion of 1 (one) number of similar nature of work in Govt. / Semi govt. / Autonomous organization in Bangladesh during last 3 (three) years amounting Taka : 60.00 lac. (c). The experience certificate for successful completion of works shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of concerned Department / organization. In case of other than PWD, Certificate for Completion of Works shall be duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that district / area under whose jurisdiction the work has been done. [Form-A] (d). All other qualification, Terms & conditions as specified in Tender Data Sheet (TDS). Necessary supporting documents are to be submitted with the Tender. (e). Turnover: Minimum average annual Construction Turnover in last 5 (five) years preceding the date of submission of the Tender to be greater than Tk: 100.00 lac. (f). Liquid Asset: The minimum amount of liquid Assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 60.00 lac.		
18.	Brief Description of Works	As per BOQ		
19.	Price of the Tender Document	Tk. 1,500.00. (Non-refundable).		
20.	Tender Name and Description			
Tender No	Identification of Works	Location	Tender Security (Tk.)	Completion Time
19 (2015-16)	কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল রাজারবাগ ঢাকা ২(দুই) টি ১৬০০ কেজি গ্যাসেঞ্জার কাম বেড লিফ্ট সরবরাহ ও স্থাপনসহ অনুসংগত কাজ।	রাজারবাগ ঢাকা।	3,00,000.00	180 Days.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
21.	Name of the Official Inviting Tender			
22.	Designation of the Official Inviting Tender			
23.	Address of the Official Inviting Tender			
24.	Contact Details of the Official Inviting Tender			
25.	The Procuring Entity Reserve the Right to Accept or Reject all Tenders.			
26.	Special Instructions:			
		This Tender Notice is brief and the details of the Tender may be seen from the office of the undersigned during the office hours.		

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