

High turnout

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in Murshidabad on Friday and earlier criticised its decision to hold the assembly elections in the state in six phases.

On April 14, the Election Commission had issued a show cause notice to Mamata Banerjee for violating the model code of conduct. Reacting to the notice, Banerjee had dared the Election Commission to take action against her and said people of the state would "showcause" it on May 19, the day of the result. Long queues of voters were seen outside most polling booths despite the sweltering heat and humidity, as voting commenced at 7:00am. There are about 1.22 crore registered voters, and 383 candidates, including 33 women. Balloting took place at 13,645 polling stations.

Five of the constituencies are in Alipurduar district, seven in Jalpaiguri, nine in North Dinajpur, six each in Darjeeling and South Dinajpur and 12 in Malda districts. The only south Bengal district going to the polls in this phase is Birbhum. Of its 11 constituencies, seven — Dubrajpur, Suri, Nalhati, Rampurhat, Sainthia, Hansan and Murarai — have been classified as affected by Left-wing extremism and polling in these areas ended two hours earlier than elsewhere at 4:00pm.

There were many people in queue when the scheduled time of polling ended in the other 45 constituencies at 6:00pm.

There were allegations of false voting in the presence of the presiding officer in a booth in Malda's English Bazar. Following a complaint lodged by the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the officer was removed.

At Dumrut in Birbhum's Bolpur constituency, three people were arrested following a clash between Trinamool Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party workers. In the district's Rampurhat, a section of residents reportedly boycotted polls citing failure of the state government to provide basic electricity services.

Elections to the 294-member West Bengal assembly are being held in six phases starting on April 4 and ending

CPD for open

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"The Philippines parliament discussed this matter. We have parliamentary democracy. Why the matter was not discussed in the Jatiya Sangsad?"

He said when the parliament goes into the budget session the matter should be discussed separately in the House.

"The incident has opened a scope for pondering whether there is any inconsistency in the overall governance system or economic management."

The economist said the BB heist incident uncovered serious lack of coordination in economic management and confusion in leadership.

"The way the finance minister spoke and the central bank and the National Board of Revenue behaved, it showed this lack of coordination."

However, Debapriya said the amount of money that had been stolen did not seem to stir the economy. "Much bigger amount was stolen through Hall-Mark or Bismillah Group scams."

Debapriya said the amount is not an issue. "The qualitative weight of the incident is to be taken into consideration."

The way the money has been laundered has added a new dimension to the irregularity and misappropriation of money in Bangladesh's economy, he said.

"The incident has directly brought forward the risks in a technology-based globalised economy."

He refrained from making any further comments, as investigation into the issue was underway and a case had been filed.

By hacking the central bank reserve account with the New York Fed, the criminals stole \$81 million or around Tk 800 crore which ended up in four accounts of a Filipino bank.

Apple reclaims

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customers hand in their worn-out Apple devices in exchange for money off future Apple purchases.

Some of the recycling is done by Apple's line of prototype 'Liam' robots, which are designed to take apart old Apple devices while detecting and separating their valuable elements.

Electronics companies don't put gold in their devices just to be extravagant - the metal is used in computer components because it's an excellent conductor, and doesn't tend to corrode or oxidise in the same way as copper or aluminium.

The Environmental Report also revealed other areas in which Apple is trying to reduce its carbon footprint - the sleek packaging for the iPhone 6S is 20 percent lighter and 34 percent smaller than the box the first-generation iPhone came in.

Additionally, all of the company's data centres - which power services like iMessage, Siri and FaceTime - run on renewable energy, and Apple's carbon emissions have fallen every year since 2011, from 137.2kg of CO2 per product to 114.2 in 2015.

India for oil pipeline with Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting Indian Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has said his country is ready to build an oil pipeline with Bangladesh for boosting cooperation in energy sector. He also described the sector as a key area of cooperation between the two neighbouring countries.

He made the comments while calling on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence the Gono Bhaban yesterday.

Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting.

Hasina sought support and cooperation from all the neighbouring countries for her government's efforts to make Bangladesh a developed country.

She said her government puts emphasis on enhancing connectivity to further improve people's lifestyle. The Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) initiative could play an effective role in developing the countries in this region.

She said a process is also underway to put the Bangladesh, China, India, Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor initiative in place.

Hasina expressed her happiness to learn that Bangladesh Petroleum

Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation Limited are going to sign an MoU on setting up an LP Gas Plant in Chittagong.

She also thanked the government of India for its cooperation in supplying Diesel to Bangladesh from Nomaligarh Refinery in India.

She also sought more foreign investments for the special economic Zones in Bangladesh.

Hasina termed poverty and hunger the common enemies of South Asia and said the countries of this region will have to fight poverty together.

The Indian state minister said the policy of the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "good will" and "trust" for cooperation with neighbours as India wants to build a new relationship with Bangladesh.

About diesel import from India by Bangladesh, he said such step would not be on commercial basis, but would be done on the spirit of friendship.

Dharmendra also underscored the importance of developing partnership with Bangladesh on petrochemical products.

Prime Minister's adviser Gowher Rizvi, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid, Principal Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla and IOCL Chairman B Ashok were present.

Deadly quake kills 235

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said. "Everything can be rebuilt, but lives cannot be recovered, and that's what hurts the most."

Visiting the quake zone, Vice President Jorge Glas said 235 had died and more than 1,500 people were injured.

Coastal areas nearest the epicenter were worst affected, especially Pedernales, a rustic tourist spot with beaches and palm trees, which appeared largely flattened.

"There are people trapped in various places, and we are starting rescue operations," Glas said.

Authorities said there were 163 aftershocks, mainly in the Pedernales area. A state of emergency was declared in six provinces.

The quake has piled pain on the economy of OPEC's smallest member, already reeling from low oil prices, with economic growth this year projected at near-zero. It has also propelled Glas - a possible candidate in Ecuador's February 2017 presidential election - into the limelight.

"PEDERNALES DESTROYED" One photo on social media purporting to be the entrance to Pedernales showed a torn-up road with a crushed car in the middle and people standing behind.

Local TV station Televiscentro broadcast images from Pedernales showing locals using a small tractor to remove rubble and also searching with their hands for people buried underneath.

Women cried after a corpse was pulled out. Locals said children were trapped.

One man begged for help: "Pedernales is destroyed."

Many people spent the night on the streets.

Enner Munoz, 40, a teacher from Pedernales, said he was returning by car from a nearby locality and saw wooden houses and lamp-posts collapse around him.

"It was devastating, all the roads are cracked open, there were two landslides," he said by phone, adding that bricks had landed in the bed of his home in Pedernales. His terrified family spent the night on the terrace.

In Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city, rubble lay in the streets and a bridge

fell on top of a car.

"It was horrible, it was as if it was going to collapse like cardboard," said Gato Valle, 56, who was guarding a building in the city where windows fell out and parts of walls broke.

"I prayed and fell to my feet to ask God to protect me."

About 13,500 security force personnel were mobilized to keep order around Ecuador, and \$600 million in credit from multilateral lenders was immediately activated for the emergency, the government said.

Ramon Solorzano, 46, a car parts merchant in the coastal city of Manta, headed away from built-up areas with his family. Photos from Manta showed Red Cross workers arriving, police hunting through debris, a smashed sculpture and badly damaged buildings.

"Most people are out in the streets with backpacks on, heading for higher ground," Solorzano said, speaking in a trembling voice on a WhatsApp phone call. "The streets are cracked. The power is out and phones are down." REFINERY SHUT, GALAPAGOS UNSCATHED Parts of Quito were without power or phone service for several hours, but the city government said those services had been restored and there were no reports of casualties in the city.

The government called it the worst quake in the country since 1979. In that disaster, 600 people were killed and 20,000 injured, according to the US Geological Survey.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Twitter that two Canadians were among the dead and that the "scope of the devastation in Ecuador is shocking."

The US State Department said in an email that it was working to confirm reports of Americans injured in the quake, though it had no reports of any US citizens killed.

In international aid, Venezuela, Chile and Mexico were sending personnel and supplies, the left-leaning Correa government said. US Secretary of State John Kerry tweeted his nation's solidarity and offered assistance.

Though tsunami warnings were lifted, coastal residents were still urged to seek higher ground in case tides rise.

Inu faction gets 'torch'

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Ambia-led JSD faction has described the EC's decision as unexpected and said the commission had made the decision to serve "the purpose of vested quarters".

Explaining the EC's decision, Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz said, "We heard statements of both factions, scrutinised the party's constitution and other documents, and then we made the decision."

"As per the constitution, the faction which is run by the leadership elected by party delegates deserves the 'torch' symbol," the commissioner told journalists at his office.

Inu and Shirin Akhter were elected president and general secretary by party delegates, and so they got the official symbol of the JSD, Shah Nawaz said.

Questioning the decision, Ambia told The Daily Star, "We will go to court challenging the election commission's decision."

The JSD-led by Inu split into two factions following a feud over electing the party's general secretary at its national council on March 12.

Ambia and lawmaker Nazmul Haque Proddhan were made president and general secretary by the other faction.

Following the split, both groups sent separate letters to the EC, each claiming

'torch' as their electoral symbol.

On April 6, the EC sat with leaders of both the factions separately to hear their claims and the supporting statements.

The JSD is a component of the ruling Awami League-led 14-party alliance. There are six JSD lawmakers in the incumbent parliament. Three of them contested the 10th parliamentary election with the AL electoral symbol 'boat', two with the JSD's 'torch' symbol and the other was elected to reserved seat for women.

The Ambia-led faction claims the two MPs who were elected with 'torch' symbol are now with them.

Now that the Inu-led faction has got 'torch' as its electoral symbol, if the two lawmakers are suspended from the party, their parliament memberships might get cancelled, according to some EC officials.

30 wild birds

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them into the Bhawal National Park tomorrow [today]," said Asim.

According to the Bangladesh Wildlife (Protection and Safety) Act, 2012, trapping, selling, buying, consuming or caging wild birds is a punishable offence.

Madrasa student tortured in Feni

Case filed against teacher

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Hanging a student from a ceiling fan, a madrasa teacher allegedly beat him with cricket bats and stumps in Feni on Friday as the boy wanted to go home.

The teacher, Mosharraf Hossain, also confined 12-year-old Ariful Islam Shubho to a room of Misbahul Quran Oas Sunnah Madrasa in Feni town so that he could not tell about his torture to anybody, said the boy's father Yakub Nabi Dulal, of Comilla's Chouddagram upazila.

Dulal said the incident happened on Friday afternoon, but he came to know it on Saturday afternoon when he went to visit his son.

Mosharraf has gone into hiding after the incident, said police and madrasa officials.

Yakub said his son was admitted to the madrasa three weeks ago. Since then, he did not go home.

On Friday morning, Ariful wanted to go home, but Mosharraf did not give him the permission. In the afternoon, the boy again requested the teacher to allow him to visit his family. This made Mosharraf angry and he started beating Ariful.

At one stage, the boy took shelter in a bathroom, but Mosharraf asked two other students to bring Ariful back.

Mosharraf then hung the kid from a ceiling fan and hit him with cricket bats and stumps, alleged Yakub.

His son narrated the incident when he met him. Later, the boy was admitted to Feni Sadar Hospital. Hospital sources said Ariful's body bore several injury marks.

Maulana Yunus Idris, director of the madrasa, confirmed the incident and said Mosharraf was asked to appear before the madrasa authorities.

Yakub filed a case against the teacher with Feni Sadar Police Station, said Mohammad Shahinuzzaman, inspector (investigation) of the police station.

Police were trying to arrest the teacher, he said.

Feni Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Enamul Karim visited the madrasa and directed the authorities concerned to take action against the teacher.

BCL leader dies

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rebel candidate. He had the support of Yamin, they added.

On the night of April 12, Yamin along with some of his followers assaulted Asif with iron rods after forcibly taking him to a house, alleged Liakat.

Asif was admitted to a local hospital later.

By that time, Yamin's mother filed a case against Asif with Sirajdikhan police, accusing him of beating her son.

Later on, police took Asif in their custody from the hospital.

He was taken to Munshiganj Sadar General Hospital the next day after his condition deteriorated.

The father alleged that Asif was sent to jail without being treated properly.

"We had repeatedly requested police to keep him in the hospital. But they did not pay any heed to us," said Habibur. He also alleged that Asif was arrested in a "false" case.

Talking to reporters, Yardous Hasan, officer-in-charge of Sirajdikhan Police Station, said Asif was arrested on charges of attacking Yamin.

He, however, could not give any "satisfactory" answer when he was asked

why Asif had not been provided with proper treatment.

Supporters of Sirajdikhan AL and BCL brought out processions in the area, protesting the "killing" of the

leader. They also demanded a proper investigation into the incident and trial of the culprits.

With Asif, at least 36 people have been killed in violence over the ongoing UP polls across the country.

Saudi Arabia warns US over 9/11 bill

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Saudi officials have reportedly told the Obama administration they will sell off hundreds of billions of dollars of American assets if Congress passes a bill that would allow the Saudi government to be held responsible for any role in the September 11 attacks.

On the eve of President Barack Obama's visit to Saudi Arabia, the New York Times said the White House had been lobbying Congress to block the bill's passage and that the threat from Saudi Arabia had been the subject of intense talks.

It said that Adel al-Jubeir, the Saudi foreign minister, delivered the kingdom's message last month during a trip to Washington, telling legislators that Saudi Arabia would be forced to sell up to \$750bn in treasury securities and other assets in the United States before they could be in danger of being frozen by American courts.

Brihannala loses

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media by storm.

Last month, noted Indian writers Shrishendu Mukherjee and Debesh Roy had written to Bangladesh's information ministry in protest and demanded royalty.

Following the allegations, a three-member probe committee was formed to look into the matter, said the secretary. He said the cancellations of the awards were done after the probe committee found the allegations to be true.

He said the government is taking initiative to take actions against the director and screenwriter of the government grant-winning film. The grant would be taken back, among other legal actions, he said.

The information secretary said one of the conditions for any government-funded film is that the story must be original. "When we received allegations that this film's story is not unique

and has been taken from a person's story and that the writer has not been given any recognition in the film then the government formed a probe committee."

Film director Murad Parvez and actor Ferdous, the film's protagonist, could not be contacted after repeated attempts.

Released on September 19, 2014, *Brihannala* had won the best film, best screenplay and best dialogue.

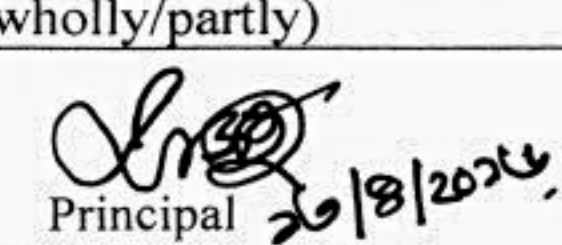
With the awards scrapped, the new awardees would be the nominated films that were in second place: *Nekabrorer Mahaprayan* in best film, *Akhtaruzzaman Ilias* in best story for *Meghmallar* and Zahidur Rahman Anjan for best dialogues for *Meghmallar*.

At the 2015 Jaipur International Film Festival, Murad Parvez won the best original screenplay for *Brihannala* and Sohana Saba won the best actress award for the same movie.

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Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry	Ministry of Education
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education
3	Procuring Entity Name	Principal, Bangladesh Survey Institute, Rammala, Comilla.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable.
5	Procuring Entity District	Comilla.
6	Invitation for Procurement	Supply of Mechnaris & Other's Equipments.
7	Invitation Ref No.	BSICO/ACC/Tender-Quot/03-07/2015/591.
8	Date	13.04.2016
Key Information		
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
Funding information		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
11	Development Partners	Not Applicable.
Particular Information		
12	Project/programme Code	Not Applicable.
13	Project/programme Name	Not Applicable.
14	Tender Package No	04
15	Tender Package Name	Mentioned in SL No.26
16	Tender Publication Date	From 18.04.2016 to 08.05.2016 (During office hours)
17	Tender last selling date	08.05.2016
18	Tender Dropping date & Time	Before or Upto 09.05.2016. 12.00 Noon.
19	Tender Opening date & Time	09.05.2016 01.00 P.M.
20	Name & Address of the Office	
	Selling Tender Document	Office of the Principal, Bangladesh Survey Institute, Comilla.
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21	Pre-tender Meeting (optional)	Not Applicable.
Information for tender		
22	Eligibility of Tender	Submission of original Purchase Receipt of tender document. Trade License Valid for 2015-2016 Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the 2014-2015 financial year. VAT Registration Certificate (Up-To-date) Bank Solvency Certificate issued after 30 th June, 2015. In case of Limited Company. The Certificate of Incorporation Experience Certificate and other Conditions mentioned in the Bid document.
23	Brief Description of goods	Mentioned in the Tender document.
24	Brief Description of related Services	As Mentioned in the Tender document.
25	Price of tender Document TK.	TK.-500/-
26	Package & Lot No.	Identification of Lot Location Tender Security Amount (TK.) Completion Time in days
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of Officer Inviting Tender	Principal
28	Designation of official Inviting Tender	Principal
29	Address of official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Survey Institute, Comilla.
30	Contact details of official Inviting Tender	Tel. No: 081-68477.
31	The Procuring entity reserve the right to accept or reject any/all tenders (wholly/partly)	


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