

Court fires South Korean president

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Park, the country's first female president, also becomes its first leader to be removed by impeachment.

She loses her executive immunity from prosecution and is obliged to leave the Blue House -- although she did not do so yesterday, with a spokesman saying her private residence still needed to be prepared.

Reading the verdict, constitutional court chief justice Lee Jung-Mi said Park's actions "seriously impaired the spirit of representative democracy and the rule of law".

"President Park Geun-Hye... has been dismissed," she said, sending opponents watching live on giant television screens outside the nation's top court into eruptions of joy.

"We won, we won," they chanted, cheering and hugging each other, some breaking down.

"I am so pleased that I cannot hold back tears," said Shin Seo-Young, 43, clapping her friend. "This is a sweet revenge."

A few hundred metres away, and separated by a huge police presence, a rival protest by the president's flag-waving supporters were stunned.

"We don't accept this decision," said Cho Bong-Am, 60, a kindergarten operator. "We will take to the streets to fight to the end."

Scuffles broke out as the largely older pro-Park crowd tried to drag away buses and break through the police barricades to reach the court.

Police -- more than 20,000 of whom were deployed in the capital -- used pepper spray to try to subdue them and two protestors died, one of them apparently killed when a speaker fell on him from a police vehicle.

RULE OF LAW

The court found Park broke the law by allowing her friend Choi Soon-Sil --

who is already on trial for abuse of power -- to meddle in state affairs, and by breaking rules on public servants' activities.

"Park's breaching of the constitution and the laws betrayed the trust of the people," said judge Lee, describing her actions as "a serious and unacceptable violation of the laws".

One of Park's lawyers expressed "strong regrets" over the verdict.

But her own Liberty Korea party apologised, with its interim leader saying it had "failed to protect the dignity and pride of South Korea".

Kwon Seong-Dong, a lawmaker and a member of the parliamentary indictment committee, said the verdict confirmed the rule of law and that "all people including the president are equal in front of the law".

Park, the daughter of a late army-backed dictator, secured the highest vote share of any candidate in the democratic era when she was elected in 2012.

But her aloof style and a series of controversies, coupled with mounting economic and social frustrations, saw her ratings plunge and millions take to the streets to demand her removal.

She was impeached by parliament in December on charges including bribery and abuse of power, and an overwhelming majority of South Koreans -- around 77 percent -- supported her removal in opinion polls.

Park repeatedly apologised for the impact of the scandal, but rejected all allegations of wrongdoing when she submitted a written statement to the court's last hearing in February.

"I've never sought private gains or abused power as president... I plead with the court to make a wise decision," she said.

WITCH OF CHONGWADAE
South Korea's National Election

Commission opened applications for the presidential poll, which is expected to be held on May 9.

The winner will have to try to deal with the troublesome North, which US President Donald Trump has vowed to rein in, and a furious China.

Beijing, angered over America's THAAD missile-defence system which is being rolled out in the South in response to the North's missile threat, has imposed a series of measures seen in Seoul as economic retaliation.

North Korea's official KCNA news agency, which has repeatedly described Park as a "traitor" and "the witch of Chongwadae" (Blue House), reported her dismissal in a brief, factual dispatch.

With thousands of US troops stationed in the South, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Washington would "continue to meet all our alliance commitments, especially with respect to defending against the threat from North Korea".

The impeachment, he added, was a "domestic issue" and the US had no position on it. "It is up to the Korean people and their democratic institutions to determine the future of their country, and we respect their decisions."

Washington looked forward to a "productive relationship with whom-ever the people of South Korea elect to be their next president", he said.

The current electoral front-runner is Moon Jae-In, former leader of the opposition Democratic Party, who had the support of 36.1 percent in a Realmeter poll released on Thursday, with conservative acting president Hwang Kyo-Ahn a distant second.

CREDIT CARD THEFT RING 30 including 6 Bangladeshis accused in New York

AGENCIES

Thirty people have been arrested and charged in connection with a stolen credit card and identity theft ring in Queens, New York.

The ring was responsible for stealing personal credit information from hundreds of consumers at a cost of more than \$3.5 million in losses to individuals and financial institutions, prosecutors said.

"Many of the defendants charged today are accused of going on shopping sprees, purchasing tens of thousands of dollars' worth of high-end electronics and fashion merchandise at a single clip with forged credit cards that contained the account information of unsuspecting consumers," Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said in a news release. "We will continue to work closely with our law enforcement colleagues to stamp out such fraud."

Among the arrestees, six were Bangladeshi immigrants, reported Somoynews.tv.

The indictments alleged that Muhammad Rana, 40, was the boss of the identity theft ring and Inderjeet Singh, 24, was the underboss who assisted Rana whenever he was busy or unavailable.

Some teachers

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Terming corruption a global problem, ACC Chairman Iqbal Mahmood said, "A change in our mindset is necessary."

Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Muhammad Salah Uddin also spoke.

Get rid

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Nirmul Committee, Forum for Secular Bangladesh and Trial of War Criminals of 1971 jointly organised the programme.

Reading out the summary of the report, historian Muntassir Mamoon said the poem "Boi" written by Humayun Azad had been excluded from class V syllabus following Hefazat's claim that it would discourage students from reading the holy Quran.

Pointing out another instance, he said Rabindranath Tagore's poem "Bangladesher Hridoy" had been dropped from the textbooks of class VI.

This patriotic poem describes the beauty of the poet's motherland, but the communal forces claim it praises a Hindu goddess.

Saying that madrasa education has been given more emphasis during the Awami League rule, Muntassir added, "At least in the education sector the daughter of Bangabandhu could not take a bold step like her father. The leaders and activists of the ruling party are influenced by communal trends."

President of the Forum Shahriar Kabir said after establishing full control over madrasahs, Hefazat is now concentrating on textbooks.

"The activities of Hefazat are not favourable to Islam. It is a political conspiracy to turn Bangladesh into Pakistan in the long run. In this way, the defeated Pakistani force is taking revenge of the Liberation War," he added.

Former law minister Shafique Ahmed suggested that an education act be formulated in light of the spirit of the Liberation War and secularism.

New policy

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The land on which tobacco is being cultivated can be used to produce other crops like maize, nuts and vegetables. Tobacco plants are grown mostly in Rangpur, Kushtia and Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Authorities can provide low-interest loans and new technologies to the farmers and facilitate marketing of the produce, Quddus said.

Currently, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) receives a surcharge on the prices of locally produced and imported tobacco products, following the passage of a finance bill two years ago.

More than Tk 500 crore has been collected as surcharge since July 1, 2014 and the annual earning is Tk 200-250 crore, health ministry officials said.

Once the policy is approved, the NTCC, which is run by limited funding from The Union, an international aid agency headquartered in France, will get the money.

Using the fund, the NTCC will strengthen its staffing and take up activities in district and upazila levels to contain the production and supply of tobacco.

"Controlling the supply of tobacco is an important factor. Our farmers grow tobacco plants as they find it financially more beneficial," said Quddus.

The area where tobacco plants are cultivated was about 70,000 hectares in 2012-2013, which rose to 108,000 hectares in 2013-2014, according to the DAE.

DAE Director General Hamidur Rahman, however, says the acreage declined to 49,240 hectares in 2014-15, 41,793 hectares in 2015-16 and 39,235 hectares in 2016-17.

However, production of tobacco, like that of other crops, has been increasing as farmers now use hybrid

or high-yielding varieties. In the current season, tobacco cultivation is projected to be one lakh tonnes, he said, but could not give figures of previous years.

According to Global Adult Tobacco Survey, 2009, 4.13 crore adults in Bangladesh consume tobacco, while 4.3 crore others are affected by indirect smoking.

The government passed the finance bill on surcharge two years ago, but the fund mobilised so far has remained unutilised amid absence of a policy.

So, the NTCC drafted the "Health Improvement Surcharge Management Policy, 2016".

The policy has a provision for constituting a committee headed by the health minister and representatives from the ministries of health, finance, public administration, home, education, agriculture, commerce, and NBR and non-government organisations.

Apart from managing the surcharge, the committee will find other sources of finance for tobacco control and involve other ministries in the project. The NTCC will act as the coordinator.

"For example, the education ministry can instruct all the educational institutions to make their campuses tobacco free and hold anti-tobacco debate, essay writing competitions or seminars," Quddus said.

"We want to focus mainly on the preventive actions," he added.

ABM Zubair, executive director of anti-tobacco campaigner PROGGA, said Bangladesh has anti-tobacco law, but its enforcement has been poor. Besides, there has been no initiative so far to cut tobacco supply.

"Therefore, the fund being mobilised would be used to reduce tobacco supply, enforce laws and create awareness," he added.

More states seek to halt

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comment on pending litigation. The government has said the president has wide authority to implement immigration policy and that the travel rules are necessary to protect against terrorist attacks.

The states and immigration advocates argue the new ban, like the original one, discriminates against Muslims.

New York's attorney general, Eric Schneiderman, said on Thursday he would be joining Washington's lawsuit against the new ban and the state of Oregon said it would join too. The attorney general for Massachusetts, Maura Healey, said on Twitter she would be joining Washington's challenge to "Trump's unlawful #MuslimBan2."

Minnesota is also continuing to pursue the Seattle case alongside

Washington.

During his presidential campaign, Trump called for "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States." He later toned down that language and said he would implement a policy of "extreme vetting" of foreigners coming to the country.

The opposition from the states comes on top of a separate legal challenge to the new ban brought by Hawaii on Wednesday. Hawaii had also sued over the previous order and is seeking to amend its complaint to include the new ban.

A hearing in that case is set for next Wednesday, a day before the clock starts on the new order.

Trump's new executive order was designed with the intention of avoiding the legal hurdles.

While the new order keeps a 90-

day ban on travel to the United States by citizens of Iran, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, it excludes Iraq.

Refugees are still halted from entering the country for 120 days, but the new order removed an indefinite ban on all refugees from Syria.

The revisions include explicit exemptions for legal permanent residents or existing visa holders. Waivers are allowed on a case-by-case basis for some business, diplomatic and other travelers.

The first hurdle for the lawsuits will be proving "standing," which means finding someone who has been harmed by the policy. With so many exemptions, legal experts have said it might be hard to find individuals who would have a right to sue, in the eyes of a court.

Infighting may cost

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Nur-ur-Rahman Mahmud Tanim and former joint convener of district AL Shafiqur Rahman Sikder, among others, were working for Shima.

Former organising secretary of Comilla Chhatra League Kazi Nahidul Hoque said, "We are not getting the desired response and support from the supporters of local MP Bahar due to the long-standing rivalry between the two Awami League factions. We hope the prime minister would intervene in the issue to resolve the differences."

Bahar's close aide Abdullah Al Mahmud Shohid said, "It's a reality that there are two factions in Comilla Awami League. But we have forgotten all our rivalries as soon as our Netri [Sheikh Hasina] nominated Shima for

mayor. We are working to ensure victory for her."

He hoped those who were yet to join Shima's campaign would do so soon.

Talking to The Daily Star, Bahar admitted that there were grievances among the AL leaders and activists over nominations. He hoped the grievances would be resolved.

The AL high-ups assigned a team, led by party's Organising Secretary Enamul Haque Shamim, to coordinate Shima's electoral campaign and control the intra-party feud, Shohid told this newspaper on Wednesday.

Despite repeated attempts, this newspaper could not reach Shima over the phone for her comments.

BNP EYES WIN

Some central and Comilla BNP lead-

ers said they were determined to secure victory for the party's mayor candidate.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia gave Nazrul Islam Khan, member of the standing committee, responsibility for having all the Comilla party men under one umbrella to campaign for Sakku, said a senior leader.

Apart from the two leading candidates, Rashida Akhter of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rob) is running for mayor, while 180 councillor hopefuls are contesting 36 posts.

Comilla City Corporation was formed on July 10, 2011. Around 5 lakh people live in the city, including 2.07 lakh voters.

Our Comilla correspondent Khalid Bin Nazrul contributed to this report.

Man crosses

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and solar panels -- but that doesn't mean the journey was any less daunting.

For 93 days Bertish has paddled the equivalent of a marathon a day, skirting the Canary Islands before heading into the open ocean and aiming for the Caribbean. Along the way he also set the record for the furthest distance travelled solo, unsupported and unassisted over open ocean in a day (71.96 miles).

He celebrated Christmas aboard and rang in the New Year with a dram of scotch. Keeping a captain's log on Facebook, Bertish has posted his encounters with puffer fish and turtles, cargo ships and yachts -- the latter dropping off a bag of treats for the paddler and money for Bertish's charitable causes.

Working with charities Signature of Hope Trust, the Lunchbox Foundation and Operation Smile, Bertish aims to raise enough money to build at least five schools in South Africa, provide monthly dividends to feed and educate thousands of children and pay for surgeons to carry out life-changing cleft lip and palate operations. As of today, Bertish has raised R5,460,030 (\$412,000).

The trans-Atlantic crossing is only the latest feat in the South African's career. Previously he's surfed some of the biggest waves ever recorded (he won the Maverick Big Wave Invitational, California 2010, on borrowed equipment, no less), set the world record for open ocean 12-hour nonstop SUP in South Africa, 2013, and set the fastest time crossing the English Channel on an SUP in 2013 (5 hours, 26 minutes).

Myanmar forces

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following a military crackdown on them.

Asked how much responsibility Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi should bear for this, she said, "At the end of the day, it is the government, the civilian government, that has to answer and respond to these massive cases of horrific torture and very inhumane crimes they have committed against their own people."

As the top UN official's access to the conflict zones in Myanmar was

restricted, she spoke to Rohingya who entered Bangladesh in the last couple of months last year, according to the BBC report.

Lee also said the crimes were committed by "the Burmese, by the Myanmar military, border guard, or the police or the security forces."

Since last October, some 66,000 Rohingyas poured into Bangladesh to flee what has been termed by Myanmar a "counter-insurgency operation" by the military, according to a UN estimates.

Mob sets fire

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Sub-Inspector Jahirul Islam managed to escape the scene.

Later, the three were handed over to Comilla Kotwali Model Police.

Locals alleged that the four policemen didn't try to rescue the youth.

Mamunur Rashid, chairman of Jagannathpur Union Parishad, alleged

that police with the help of some locals often harass people in the bordering areas.

Abdullah Al Mamun, additional superintendent of Comilla police, said they recovered the body and sent it to Comilla Medical College for an autopsy.

Police would take legal action after investigating the incident, he added.

EU leaders seek unity after Tusk row

AFP, Brussels

EU leaders yesterday sought to patch up deep divisions over the bloc's post-Brexit future, a day after an unseemly spat with Warsaw over President Donald Tusk's re-election underscored a lack of unity.

The Brussels meeting -- held without British Prime Minister Theresa May

-- aims to draft a declaration that leaders hope to unveil with great fanfare at a summit in Rome later this month to mark the EU's 60th birthday.

But unity is at a premium as the EU enters its seventh decade as big guns like France and Germany squabble with eastern countries over how the bloc should function when Britain pulls out.

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