

CORRUPTION CASE

Pakistan court acquits ex-president Zardari

AFP, Rawalpindi

A Pakistani court Saturday acquitted former president Asif Ali Zardari in a major corruption case that dogged him for almost two decades, his lawyer said.

Zardari, who left office in 2013, faced corruption allegations involving Swiss banks dating back to the 1990s.

He was accused along with his late wife, former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, of laundering \$12 million of illegal kickbacks.

"An accountability court today acquitted Asif Zardari in a case filed against him in 1998 accusing him of making and maintaining assets beyond his known sources of income," lawyer Farooq H. Naik told AFP.

He said the court, which has held hearings in Lahore and Rawalpindi since 1998, recorded statements from more than 40 witnesses.

"It has now become abundantly clear that the allegations against my client were fake and there were no solid grounds for filing a baseless case against him 19 years ago," Naik said.

Zardari has spent time behind bars on charges ranging from corruption to murder.

Little-known at the time of his arranged marriage into the Bhutto dynasty in 1987, he carved out a powerful position for himself, serving as a government minister in his wife's two administrations.



A Palestinian boy sleeps on a seat as he waits with his mother for a travel permit to cross into Egypt through the Rafah border crossing after it was opened by Egyptian authorities for humanitarian cases, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Second storm hits Hong Kong and Macau

AFP, Hong Kong

A powerful storm lashed Hong Kong and Macau yesterday, just days after a punishing typhoon swept through the region and claimed at least 18 lives.

Both cities raised a Typhoon 8 signal -- the third-highest warning level -- early yesterday as severe tropical storm "Pakhar" made landfall in the region, where emergency workers were still battling to repair Wednesday's damage.

A total of 206 flights were cancelled and another 47 delayed because of the latest storm, while 44 flights had to divert, Hong Kong's Airport Authority said. Cathay Pacific, the city's flagship, said "cancellations, diversions and severe delays" were expected.

All ferry services in Hong Kong were suspended until the storm warning was lowered in both cities in the early afternoon. A total of 236 trees weakened by Wednesday's typhoon were brought down by the latest storm in Hong Kong and there were 16 flooding reports.

No deaths were reported yesterday but Hong Kong hospital officials said 62 people were injured. In Macau eight people were slightly hurt, a government spokesperson said.

A Chinese cargo ship was sinking east of Hong Kong yesterday morning but all 11 crew members were rescued.

Pakhar brought winds of up to 130 kilometres (80 miles) per hour to Hong Kong. The Typhoon 8 signal would have meant the shutdown of the stock market, schools and businesses.

In Macau authorities issued fresh flooding warnings as shops that were battered Wednesday remained closed yesterday morning. Traffic lights stayed blacked out with power yet to return to parts of the city.

The water supply has been restored, a Macau government statement said yesterday, but buildings with damaged pumps still lack water.

"This is tough but there is nothing we can do," said shopowner Leung Ching-pang, who has been without water since the first storm hit.

Padma Oil Company Limited
(A subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)

Invitation for Expression of Interest (International) for Selection of Consulting Firm for Automation of Main Installations of Three Oil Marketing Companies (POCL, MPL & JOCL)

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
3	Procuring entity	Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
4	Procuring entity	Chittagong, Bangladesh.
5	Expression of interest for	Selection of Consulting Firm for providing consulting services for Automation of Main Installations of Three Oil Marketing Companies at Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh. The three oil marketing companies are 1) Padma Oil Company Limited (POCL); 2) Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL) and 3) Meghna Petroleum Limited (MPL).
6	Title of service	Feasibility Study for Automation of Oil Installations of Three Oil Marketing Companies at Patenga, Chittagong.
7	EOI Ref. No.	PD/MI-23/EOI/P-21/17-18
8	Date	13/08/2017

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement sub-method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Method under RFP (Request for Proposal).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Own Sources of Padma Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Oil Company Limited and Meghna Petroleum Limited.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project name	Feasibility Study for Automation of Main Installations of Three Oil Marketing Companies at Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
12	EOI closing date and time	Date: 25/09/2017 Time and Place: 1500 hrs (Bangladesh Time), Office of the DGM (projects), HO, Ctg., Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

13	a) Background	A computerized automation system is envisaged for the Main Installations/Terminals of three oil marketing companies (POCL, MPL & JOCL) situated at Patenga, Chittagong, Bangladesh. These companies are subsidiaries of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC). At present annual demand of petroleum products in Bangladesh is about 5.5 million M. Tons. BPC procures various grades of petroleum products to meet the demand of the country and these petroleum products are distributed throughout the country by its subsidiaries. The marketing networks of each company consist of one Main Installation (MI)/Terminal at Chittagong, each has 16 up-country depots and more than 700 Filling Stations scattered throughout the country. Details functioning of the companies may be found at www.pocl.gov.bd , www.jocl.gov.bd & www.mpl.gov.bd . The basic operation of these Main Installations/Terminals is to receive, store & dispatch various types and grades of petroleum products (Gasoline/SKO/Jet A-I/HSD/JBO/HSEO etc). The petroleum products are received in the Tanks from Import Tankers & Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL) through pipeline/Tank wagons/unloading/Tank Trucks or its combination and distributed through Tankers/Tank wagons/Tank Trucks. There are 57 Nos. storage tanks having total capacity of 149000 MT in Main Installation of POCL and its annual despatch of around 1660000 MT of all products. There are 34 Nos. storage tanks having total capacity of 125000 MT in Main Installation of MPL and its annual despatch of around 150000 MT of all products. There are 19 Nos. storage tanks having total capacity of 83200 MT in Main Installation of JOCL and its annual despatch of around 1280000 MT of all products. At present as a part of Automation, Radar Type Auto Tank Gauging System has been installed in a number of Storage Tanks in Main Installation/Terminal of POCL (34 Nos), MPL (27 Nos) & JOCL (15 Nos). Delivery system is done through manually operated product flow meters. On Broad terms, the activities which shall be controlled by the terminal automation system are- (a) Receipt of Petroleum products from import tankers and ERL, (b) Tank Truck Loading/unloading, (c) Tank Truck Entry & Access Control, (d) Tank Wagon Loading and Unloading, (e) Inland tanker Loading and Unloading, (f) Tank Farm Management, (g) Pump House Operations, (h) Fire Engine & Jockey Pump Operation, Fire Alarm System, (i) Management Information System, (j) ERP Interface and Terminal Security etc.
	b) Objectives	The companies now intend to appoint an international reputed consulting firm from countries (Except countries with whom Bangladesh has no trade relation) to carry out detailed Feasibility Study with a view to setting up a computerized automation system at Main Installations/Terminals of these companies. Consultant's scope of work includes but not limited to the following: i) Overview of existing facilities and operational processes of Main Installations of three oil marketing companies. ii) Advise for modification of existing facilities and operational processes to receive petroleum products from oil installation of ERL, Import Tankers, Import Pipeline (SPM). iii) Determination of level of automation required in different areas such as Tank farm, Pump House, Loading/Unloading system of Tank Lorry/Tank wagon/Tanker etc, ETP Status at all Installations. iv) Studies and optimization, Perform the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) including PLC with SCADA, P&ID. v) Preparation of detailed technical specifications of all equipment as required, bill of materials and Schedule of Requirements (price Schedule). vi) Preparation of project budget to an accuracy of +/-10% taking in consideration of all mechanical, electrical, control and instrumentation. vii) Preparation of bidding document to call tenders for an EPC/Turnkey contract as per Public Procurement Act & Procedures conditions (PPR-2008), to carry out the proposed developments. viii) Provide assistance during evaluation of the bid proposals, and up to award of the EPC/Turnkey contract to a suitable contractor. ix) Supervision of Implementation of Automation, Testing and Commissioning by EPC as PMC. Please note that the deliverables by the consultant shall be provided to individual company for its individual installation. Finally, the objective of the project is to develop a digital system to automatically control operations of apparatus, process, or system by mechanical or electronic devices that take the place of human organs of observation, effort, and decision. The objectives are to ensure a) increased accountability b) decreased operating costs c) compliance to environmental regulations d) long lasting services e) increased safety f) high security g) Optimum accuracy and increased productivity.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH EOI

14	a)	Background of the firm(s) with general and overall experience including company's brochure.
	b)	Summary of experience of the firm(s) in similar nature of works completed during the last 15 (fifteen) years and currently in progress with total cost of such project, dates of start and completion.
	c)	Completion Certificates of at least two number of works of the same nature in any Petroleum Oil Installations having storage capacity of at least one hundred thousand M. Ton, out of which one must be done in USA/Canada/Australia/Japan/Western Europe in last ten years.
	d)	Availability of appropriate skilled staff (list of relevant professional staff, their qualification and experience).
	e)	Availability of resources and demonstration of capacity to carry out such assignment. Appropriate skilled staff (list of relevant professional staff, their qualification and experience).
	f)	Company's incorporation certificate, trade license, VAT registration certificate, Income Tax certificate, Bank solvency certificate, minimum three years audit report/ turnover report of the company.

OTHER DETAILS

15	Instructions	a) Submission of EOI should be done in closed format bearing the name and address of the applicant. EOI No. and date and be addressed to the EOI issuing authority in 4 (four) copies; 01 (one) marked as "ORIGINAL" and others 03 (three) as "COPY" in separate envelope in the form of book binding. Both the "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" shall have to be inserted in a single envelope. b) The application along with the necessary documents shall be submitted on or before 25/09/2017. c) Short list will be made upon receipt of EOIs and subsequent evaluation. Request for Proposal (RFP) documents will be sent to the short listed applicants. d) Any joint venture/consortium/association shall not be allowed. e) This EOI notice will be available at BPC website: www.bpc.gov.bd ; POCL website: www.pocl.gov.bd ; JOCL website: www.jocl.gov.bd ; MPL website: www.mpl.gov.bd and CPTU website: www.cptu.gov.bd .
16	Name of official	Md. Aminul Haque.
17	Designation of	Deputy General Manager (Projects).
18	Address of official	Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
19	Contact details of	Telephone: +88-031-621399, E-mail: hammad38@yahoo.com
20		The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without any reason whatsoever.

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Indian guru faces up to life in prison in rape case

AFP, Sirsa

Supporters of an Indian guru ended a tense standoff with soldiers yesterday after the "godman" was convicted of rape, but authorities are bracing for more trouble on the eve of his sentencing after rioting by devotees left 36 dead.

Thousands of followers of Ram Rahim Singh had congregated in the spiritual headquarters of his sect in the northern state of Haryana over the weekend and refused to leave, despite calls from police and troops for them to disperse.

Singh's loyalists had gone on a rampage in many other parts of the state after the court decision Friday.

Yesterday, followers began trickling out from the compound in the town of Sirsa one by one under army guard.

Hundreds of soldiers and riot police had blocked approaches to the premises spread over 1,000 acres (404 hectares) and were urging those holed up inside to surrender peacefully.

A curfew imposed in Sirsa, where soldiers patrolled empty streets, was briefly lifted yesterday morning to allow Singh's followers to leave the headquarters as spiritual anthems blared from megaphones.

Indian authorities have been on high alert since rioting and arson broke out minutes after Singh -- who has starred in films and claims to have 50 million followers -- was found guilty of raping two of his devotees.

Police said at least 36 people were killed as tens of thou-

sands of followers took to the streets, attacking television vans and setting fire to dozens of vehicles.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday it was "natural to be worried" as the violence even briefly reached the capital New Delhi.

"Violence is not acceptable in the nation, in any form," Modi said in his monthly radio address.

"Those who take law in their hands or take to violence will not be spared, whoever they are."

Authorities are taking no such chances ahead of today, when Singh will be sentenced in a prison-side court hearing in Rohtak. He could face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The city has been heavily fortified ahead of the ruling, with roads blocked by barbed wire and residents warned to stay indoors.

"We have made multi-layered arrangements so that nobody is able to reach the venue (prison) or enter Rohtak district itself," police deputy inspector general Navdeep Singh Virk told Indian broadcaster NDTV.

"I am fully confident everything will go on peacefully and there will be no untoward incident tomorrow (Monday)."

As a precautionary measure, all senior members of Singh's Dera Sacha Sauda sect have been placed under "preventive detention", he added.

The guilty verdict, and police response to the rioting that followed, enraged many of Singh's supporters.

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Thai junta under fire from allies

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's junta has come under fire from conservative allies following ousted prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra's escape overseas, with many questioning how the military could have let her flee given she was heavily monitored.

Yingluck, whose government was toppled by the military in 2014, pulled a dramatic disappearing act before a scheduled court judgment on Friday in a criminal negligence trial.

She faced up to ten years in prison and a lifetime political ban if convicted. But instead she was a no show, with junta and party sources saying she had fled abroad.

Analysts say Yingluck most likely cut a secret deal with the junta to exit the country -- a charge the military has denied.

The leadership is desperate to avoid instability as it digs in for a long stay.

The junta says it does not yet know how the country's first female prime minister managed to slip the net.

But key conservative figures, some of whom agitated for the coup that toppled Yingluck and are seen as political allies of the junta, rounded on the military in a series of statements over the weekend.

"It was clear that security officials followed her closely and took photographs of her everywhere she went, all the time. But she still was able to escape," Panthep Puapongpan, one of the leaders of 2014 protests against Yingluck's government, told reporters.

"With Yingluck now escaped, the government, the security forces and the NCPO has to take responsibility," he added, using the official acronym for the junta.

Veera Somkwankid, another prominent opponent of the Shinawatra political dynasty, took to Facebook to vent his frustration.

"The government must hunt down the traitors and punish the persons (who might have helped her escape), otherwise the NCPO will end up being the defendant," he wrote.

Yingluck frequently complained of being constantly followed by military intelligence since she was ousted from office.

Thai media has been filled with speculation over how she might have escaped, with most suggesting she went to Cambodia either by land or sea in the days before the court verdict and then on to Singapore.

A senior junta source told AFP they believed she had fled to Dubai, the base of Shinawatra family patriarch Thaksin, who is Yingluck's older brother.

বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে
সিআরবি, চট্টগ্রাম
নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-৫৪.০১.১৫০০.১০৬.০৩.০০১.১৬-১৮ তাং ২৬-০৮-২০১৭ইং

মহাপরিচালকের কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, রেলভবন, ঢাকা পত্র নং-৫৪.০১.২৬০০.০০৬.০৬.০১৫.১১-৩১২ তারিখ-০৭-০৬-২০১৭খ্রিঃ মোতাবেক বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়েতে সরাসরি নিয়োগযোগ্য সহকারী সেশন মাস্টার পদে নবনিয়োগের মাধ্যমে পূরণের জন্য প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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শর্তাবলীঃ

- ১। আবেদন ফরম, লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্র বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের ওয়েবসাইট www.railway.gov.bd এ পাওয়া যাবে। উক্ত ওয়েবসাইটে হতে আবেদন ফরম এ-৪ সাইজের কাগজে ডাউনলোড করে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
- ২। সম্পূর্ণ তোলা ৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি আবেদনপত্র ও প্রবেশপত্রের নির্ধারিত স্থানে পেস্ট করে লাগাতে হবে।
- ৩। (ক) প্রার্থী বাছাইকালে বিদ্যমান বিধি-বিধান অনুসরণ করা হবে। (খ) নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকার নির্দেশিত কোটা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- ৪। পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা কোড নং-১-৫১৩১-০০০০-২০৩১ তে জমাদানের ট্রেজারি চালানের মূলকপি আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- ৫। পরীক্ষার পূর্ণমান-১০০ (লিখিত-৬০ ও মৌখিক-৪০)। লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় পৃথকভাবে ৫০% নম্বর পাস নম্বর হিসাবে বিবেচিত হবে।
- ৬। পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীগণকে কোন প্রকার দৈনিক ভাতা অথবা যাতায়াত ভাতা দেয়া হবে না।
- ৭। আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণকালে খামের বাম দিকের উপরের অংশে পদের নাম ও প্রার্থীর জেলা/নাম স্পষ্টভাবে লিখতে হবে। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সকল তথ্য রেলওয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশ করা হবে।
- ৮। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা এবং শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যা/পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যা এবং এতিম/শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ৩২ বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য। বয়সের ক্ষেত্রে কোন এক্সিডেন্ট গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ৯। সরকারি সংস্থা/আধা সরকারি সংস্থার চাকুরীতে প্রার্থীর দরখাস্ত সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভাগের মাধ্যমে নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ১০। ক্রটিপূর্ণ বা অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই বাতিল বলে বিবেচিত হবে। আবেদনপত্রে ভুলত্রুটি/ত্রুটি কিংবা ফুইড ব্যবহার করা যাবে না।
- ১১। আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২৮/০৯/২০১৭ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে "চীফ পার্সোনেল অফিসার (পূর্ব), বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, সিআরবি, চট্টগ্রাম"-এর দপ্তরে পৌছাতে হবে।
- ১২। লিখিত পরীক্ষা রাজশাহী ও চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।
- ১৩। বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির কার্যক্রম বাতিল বা পদ সংখ্যা হ্রাস/বৃদ্ধি করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ১৪। কোন তথ্য গোপন করে বা ভুল তথ্য প্রদান করে চাকুরীতে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হলে এবং পরবর্তীতে যে কোন সময় তা প্রমাণিত হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রার্থীর নিয়োগাদেশ বাতিল করা হবে এবং তার বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।
- ১৫। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের (যেমন- শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, জাতীয়তা, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/ভোটার আইডি কার্ড, প্রথম শ্রেণীর পেজেন্টেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদ, মুক্তিযোদ্ধা এবং মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যা/পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যা, রেলওয়ে পোষা অবরুদ্ধ-নির্ভরশীল ভাতা-ভগ্নী, এতিমখানা নিবাসী, শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী, ক্ষুদ্র-নু-গোষ্ঠী, আনসার ডিডিপি, বিশেষ যোগ্যতা ইত্যাদির সনদ সরকার নির্দেশ অনুযায়ী উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত) মূলকপি দেখাতে হবে এবং সকল সনদের ১ (এক) সেট সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি জমা দিতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যার ক্ষেত্রে আবেদনকারী যে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যা এই মর্মে সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/সিটি কর্পোরেশন-এর ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর ও পৌরসভা মেয়র/কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সার্টিফিকেট সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। পোষা সনদের ক্ষেত্রে স্থায়ী পদে কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীর চাকুরীকাল ন্যূনতম ১৫ বছর হতে হবে এবং অন্য কোন পোষা রেলওয়েতে কর্মরত থাকলে তার পূর্ণাঙ্গ বিবরণ সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- ১৬। ডাক টিকেটসহ আবেদনকারীর ঠিকানা লেখা দুইটি খাম আবেদনের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।

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