

# Chief justice goes on a month's leave

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demanding his resignation accusing him of undermining parliament and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Talking to this newspaper, Law Secretary ASSM Zahirul Haque Dulal said the CJ's letter would be sent to the president through the Prime Minister's Office for his approval.

The senior most judge of the Appellate Division of the SC would carry out the CJ's duties during Justice Sinha's absence, added the secretary.

Justice Wahhab Miah had discharged the CJ's duties when Justice Sinha was on leave from September 8-23.

The CJ returned home on September 23 after visiting Canada and Japan. On Saturday, he attended a reception, hosted by President Abdul Hamid, at the Bangabhaban on the occasion of Durga Puja.

The SC will reopen today after a 39-day annual vacation.

Justice Sinha was appointed the 21st chief justice of the country in January 2015. He is scheduled to go into retirement on January 31 next year, said SC

sources.

The apex court on August 1 released the full text of its verdict in the 16th amendment case, scrapping the constitutional amendment that had empowered parliament to remove SC judges for misconduct or incapacity.

Following the verdict, the prime minister and senior ministers came down heavily on the CJ, with many of them calling for his resignation.

Some pro-AL organisations, including Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad, held protest programmes against the CJ. Parishad leaders threatened to launch a tougher agitation if the CJ didn't step down.

The Jatiya Sangsad on September 13 passed a resolution calling for legal steps to nullify the SC verdict. The law minister on several occasions said the government would seek review of the judgment.

The JS had passed the 16th amendment in September 2014. The amendment was challenged at the High Court. The HC in May last year declared the amendment unconstitutional and void.

The government filed an appeal

with the SC, challenging the HC verdict. The apex court on July 3 rejected the appeal and upheld the HC verdict.

In its full verdict, the SC made some observations, which were critical of the country's present political culture.

Several senior ministers and AL leaders claimed the observations were "objectionable, unconstitutional and irrelevant."

**SCBA LEADERS FAIL TO MEET CJ**

A delegation of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), led by its President Zainul Abedin and Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon, went to the CJ's residence in the capital yesterday afternoon, but could not meet him.

"We found it [leave of the chief justice] mysterious. So we went to his residence, but couldn't meet him," Zainul told The Daily Star last night.

The SCBA, dominated by pro-BNP lawyers, will hold an emergency meeting today to discuss the issue, he said.

Journalists present there said SCBA leaders waited at the main entrance to the CJ's house for around 20 minutes, but were not allowed in.

# Revolutionary leader

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into his late '90s, never lost his conviction and held tight to the belief in the very core of his heart that one day the proletariats will reign supreme, freeing the world from wealth and class-discrimination.

Till his very last days, this man continued to engage with the youth in numerous forums, preaching against the vices of today's material world and extolling the virtues of a world of equality.

Jaśim Uddin Mondal, an anti-British movement leader and a lifelong proponent of the socialist movement passed away at a city hospital yesterday morning due to old age complications, said Fazlur Rahman, one of Jaśim's sons-in-law.

He was just three years shy of 100. He is survived by his five daughters. His wife and only son had passed earlier.

The veteran communist leader breathed his last around 6 am at Health and Hope Hospital at Panthapath, where he had been under treatment since September 28.

Born in 1920, Jaśim Uddin took part in the anti-British movement, joined the Communist Party of India in 1940, saved hundreds of lives from the rage of communal riots in 1946, and fought in Bangladesh's liberation

war in 1971.

Born to a railway staff in Kushtia's Mirpur, Jaśim served the railway too as a coal engine worker. He joined the labour and communist movements very early in his life. He served for 17 long years in jails all around and led the life of a pariah, living in hiding for 18 years to escape from the wraths of tyrants.

In his professional life, Jaśim took up a railway job in Pabna and later settled down in Ishwardi. He took part in the Second World War and after the British rule, in post-partition (India-Pakistan) days, Jaśim joined movements against the then Pakistani misrule, losing his government job in early '50s because of his stance.

Jaśim once recalled that many people in his neighbourhood of a railway colony ridiculed him saying "there goes a man waving a red flag as if he'll make the world free of riches." But Jaśim's parents silently supported what he was doing as a young comrade and he never let die that youthful dream of creating a world of 'have-nots.'

In independent Bangladesh, Jaśim served the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in various capacities and always fought for the causes of the down trodden. Jaśim, who had a very brief stint in formal education, was known for his passionate and fiery

speeches and would always inspire the youth to join the communist revolution.

Paying rich tribute to the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) President Mujahidul Islam Selim told The Daily Star that Jaśim was a staunch revolutionary - from his young days till death.

"He was a strong believer of establishing socialism. He would always feel proud of his working class belonging and uprising. And never in his life, in his works and in his words - had he ever deviated an inch from idealism," recalled Selim fondly.

"Comrade Jaśim has been a living legend for the revolutionaries in Bangladesh. His death is a great loss for politics in Bangladesh," Ranesh Maitra, a leading left-leaning activist told our Pabna correspondent yesterday.

CPB sources said, Jaśim's body was kept in a hospital mortuary overnight and was to be taken to the party headquarters at 10 am before being moved to Central Shahid Minar at 11 am yesterday before his burial in the afternoon today, most likely, in Pabna.

Different socio-political, students' and cultural organisations at home and abroad, expressed their shock at their comrade's death and paid rich tribute to the revolutionary.

# 'Yes' to Catalonia

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riot police move in on polling stations in towns and cities across the region to stop people from voting, in some cases baton-charging and firing rubber bullets to disperse crowds.

"We call on all relevant players to now move very swiftly from confrontation to dialogue. Violence can never be an instrument in politics," European Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said, breaking weeks of virtual EU silence on the Catalan issue.

UN rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said he was "very disturbed" by the violence and urged the Spanish authorities to ensure a thorough and impartial investigation.

In Catalan cities, many residents briefly stopped work at midday and descended onto the streets in silent, solemn protest.

In Barcelona, hundreds more stopped traffic as they rallied, many draped in the blue, yellow and red Estelada flag used by Catalan separatists, shouting "the streets will always be ours."

**EMERGENCY TALKS**

The government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy was holding emergency talks after Catalan president Carles Puigdemont declared Sunday that the region -- which accounts for a fifth of the nation's GDP -- had "won the right to an independent state".

Puigdemont appealed for international mediation to help solve the crisis, and hinted he may be willing to drop independence if that happened.

He also called for all police deployed to Catalonia from other parts of Spain for the vote to be removed.

The regional government said 2.26 million people took part in the vote, or just over 42 percent of the electorate in Catalonia.

But any attempt to unilaterally declare independence is likely to be opposed not just by Madrid but also a large section of the Catalan population, a region of 7.5 million people which is deeply split on the issue.

Rajoy reiterated his government's position that the vote was an illegal act, to which the state had reacted "with firmness and serenity".

Puigdemont has said he would now present the results to the region's parliament, ruled by majority separatist lawmakers, which has the power to adopt a motion of independence.

**DRAGGED BY THE HAIR**

Several top figures in the far-left party Podemos called for Rajoy to resign over his handling of the crisis.

Shocking videos posted on social media showed police dragging voters from polling stations by their hair, throwing people down stairs and attacking Catalan firefighters protecting polling stations.

Puigdemont said close to 900 people had received medical attention, although Catalan authorities confirmed a total of 92 injured.

Four were hospitalised, two in serious condition -- a 70-year-old man had a heart attack and another was hurt in his eye.

Adding to tensions, unions and Catalan associations have called a region-wide strike today due to "the grave violation of rights and freedoms."

**INSTITUTIONAL CRISIS**

The Catalan situation is considered

Spain's biggest political crisis since an attempted military coup d'etat in 1981.

While Spanish newspapers were unanimous in criticising Puigdemont for pushing ahead with the referendum despite a court ruling it unconstitutional, they also took aim at Rajoy's handling of the crisis.

Rajoy was set to hold talks later yesterday with the leader of the main opposition Socialist party, Pedro Sanchez, as well as Albert Rivera, the leader of the centrist party Ciudadanos, his minority government's ally in parliament.

Justice Minister Rafael Catala said the government could invoke Article 155 of the constitution which would allow it to suspend the powers of Catalonia's regional government in order to block any declaration of independence.

"That is a tool that is there... We have always said that we will use all the force of the law, all the mechanisms that the constitution and the laws grant the government," he said in an interview with public television.

Some analysts said the images of the crackdown may help boost international support for the secessionists.

"Catalan secession remains unlikely, but separatist sentiment now has a momentum of its own, and the resulting institutional crisis will be severe and poses significant risks to Spain's economic outlook," said Federico Santi, an analyst at political risk consultancy Eurasia Group.

The euro and the Spanish stock market slid yesterday after the vote, with bank shares particularly hard hit.

# Gunman kills 58 in US

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Las Vegas Sheriff Joseph Lombardo told reporters that at least eight rifles were recovered from Paddock's hotel room.

"We believe the individual killed himself prior to our entry," Lombardo said.

"The number of people who have died associated with this event has increased. Right now we're using the number of 58," he said. "The number of injured -- we are using the number of 515."

**ASTEROID FALLING FROM THE SKY**

Photographs showed that Stephen Craig Paddock was greying with a trimmed beard and moustache. He was a former accountant and a licensed pilot with no criminal record, according to ABC News.

Eric Paddock, the gunman's brother, said he was at a complete loss to understand what may have motivated the shooting.

"This is an asteroid falling out of the sky," Eric Paddock told CBS News. He also said his brother had "no religious affiliation, no political affiliation."

"He was my brother. He was a guy. He gambled," Eric Paddock said.

He said his brother had no history of mental illness and was "not an avid gun guy at all."

Las Vegas police issued an appeal for blood donations.

Paddock resided in a new golf course development in the desert just outside Mesquite, Nevada, around 80 miles northeast (130 kilometers) of Las Vegas.

His female companion was initially listed as a person of interest by police

but they said later she was not believed to be involved.

Police said 22,000 fans were attending the concert next to the Mandalay Bay as part of a three-day country music festival known as Route 91 when the gunfire erupted.

**LIKE FIRECRACKERS**

Witnesses told how Paddock opened fire with an initial long burst, and then appeared to reload as he continued his spree.

"We heard (what) sounded like a glass breaking, so you looked around to see what's going on and then heard a pop, pop, pop," Monique Decker told CNN.

"You'd think for a moment okay we're fine, there's no more gunfire, then it starts again."

Her sister Rachel said it sounded like "the shots were coming from the right side... it sounded like they were right beside us too... it was right there."

Best-selling country singer Jason Aldean was on stage and near the end of his concert when the shooting began.

Aldean initially carried on playing when the first crackle of gunfire could be heard but then hurried off the stage once he realized it was a shooting.

Robert Hayes, a firefighter from Los Angeles who was watching near the front of the stage, said he first thought the gunfire was some kind of equipment malfunction.

Once he realized what was going on, he joined the first responders, donning one of their vests.

"Honestly I probably pronounced 15-20 people" dead, he told Fox News.

"It was pretty much like a war scene inside."

Emergency crews used anything to hand as makeshift stretchers, including tables and metal railings normally used to control the crowds, said Hayes.

Asked if he thought it was an inexperienced gunman, he responded: "With 30,000 people in the arena area, it was kind of like shooting goldfish... He didn't have to be good."

**BEYOND HORRIFIC**

The Las Vegas attack is the deadliest shooting in recent US history, exceeding the toll of 49 dead in an attack on the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida in June 2016.

It was also the latest in a series of recent deadly attacks at concert venues.

Twenty-two people were killed while leaving an Ariana Grande concert in the northern English city of Manchester in May when a suicide bomber detonated a nail bomb in the foyer.

Ninety people were killed in November 2015 at the Bataclan venue in Paris during a concert by US band the Eagles of Death Metal.

A shocked Aldean told his fans via Instagram that he and his band was safe.

"Tonight has been beyond horrific," the singer wrote.

"It hurts my heart that this would happen to anyone who was just coming out to enjoy what should have been a fun night."

Pope Francis said he was "deeply saddened" by the "senseless tragedy" while Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May called it an "appalling attack."

# US trio wins Nobel prize

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that living organisms, including humans, have an internal timekeeper that helps them anticipate and adapt to the rhythm of the day.

Hall, 72, Rosbash, 73, and Young, 68, "were able to peek inside our biological clock and elucidate its inner workings," the Nobel jury said.

They identified genes that regulate the clock, and the mechanism by which light can synchronise it.

Rosbash told Swedish Radio he was rattled when the committee's call woke him from his sleep at 5:10 am.

"I was called on the landline next to my bed which never rings unless someone has died or something of this magnitude happens," he recounted. "I was restless, both literally and figuratively. My wife said: 'Please start to breathe'."

The circadian clock is what causes jetlag - which happens when our internal clock and external environment move out of sync as we change time zones.

It also regulates sleep, which is critical for normal brain function. Circadian dysfunction has been linked to depression, bipolar disorder, cognitive function, memory formation and some neurological diseases.

**IMPROVE HUMAN HEALTH**

Studies had indicated that a chronic misalignment between our lifestyle and circadian clock -- irregular shift work for example -- may be associated with an increased risk for cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, metabolic disorders and inflammation.

Scientists are working hard on methods to alter the rhythm of errant clocks as a means to "improve human health," said the Nobel team.

Using the fruit fly as a model organism, this year's laureates isolated a gene that controls the daily biological rhythm, called the period gene.

"They showed that this gene encodes a protein that accumulates in the cell during the night and is then degraded

during the day," the Nobel team said.

"Subsequently they identified additional protein components of this machinery, exposing the mechanism governing the self-sustaining clockwork inside the cell."

The trio will share the prize sum of nine million Swedish kronor (about \$1.1 million or 937,000 euros).

"Just about every facet of our body changes predictably over the course of the day and night and these changes are driven by this internal timing mechanism," Michael Hastings of the Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge told AFP.

"Every dimension of our health, every dimension of our personality or reactions to medicines, our reactions to disease are variable and are on the very precise programme set by this internal body clock."

# Paris

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Hidalgo, a Socialist, was elected in 2014 promising to tackle pollution in the capital and she has focused on building new bus and cycle lanes and reclaiming roads -- leading critics to see her agenda as too radical and anti-car.

"What's it for?" grumbled Pierre Chassery, the head of the lobby group "40 million drivers" when asked about the car-free day by AFP. "It's just PR to say that cars aren't good."

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# Stop Rohingya exodus

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including all communities belonging to Rakhine State," he added.

EU postpones signing IPA

The European Union has put off signing an investment protection agreement (IPA) with Myanmar until an undetermined date due to the human rights situation in Rakhine state, reported The Myanmar Times yesterday.

The Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament announced on September 14 that it has postponed its visit to Myanmar, which was meant to finalise the IPA.

Over 500,000 Rohingyas fled violence in Myanmar to Bangladesh following Myanmar security forces' "clearance operation" against the Rohingyas in response to attacks by Rohingya insur-

resolution adopted on Thursday 14 September, does not allow for a fruitful discussion on a potential EU-Myanmar investment agreement.

"It is clear that under these conditions, the ratification of an investment agreement with Myanmar is not possible," he said.

The Myanmar Times reports the agreement would have been the first standalone investment protection agreement of the EU with the country.

In April, the European Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar stated that the negotiations "should be finished within a few months".

The IPA was expected to provide a level-playing field for European investors and promote corporate standards, hence boosting EU investment in Myanmar.

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| 23. | Amount of tender security             | The amount of Tender Security shall be US\$ 25,000.00 (US dollar twenty-five thousand) only in the form of an Irrevocable Bank Guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh. |

**PURCHASER DETAILS**

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| 24. | Name of official inviting tender                                  | A. B. S. M. Mainuddin.  |
| 25. | Designation of official inviting tender                           | Engineering Manager & Project Director.                                     |
| 27. | Address of official inviting tender                               | Level-8, Headquarters Building, Bangladesh Television, Rampura, Dhaka-1219. |
| 28. | Contact details of official inviting tender                       | Tel: +880-2-9360704, Fax: +880-2-8312927, +880-2-9330608                    |
| 29. | The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. |   |

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 On behalf of Director General, BTv