ANTI-ISLAM REMARK

BJP leader arrested

AFP, *New Delhi*

Indian police arrested a BJP lawmaker yesterday for allegedly making derogatory comments against the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), weeks after similar remarks from a top official embroiled the country in a diplomatic storm.

Raja Singh's words sparked outrage in the southern city of Hyderabad, where hundreds of people gathered on Monday night to demand the state politician be taken into custody.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member, who has cultivated a reputation for inflammatory speeches, had the same day published a video that local media reports said had made insulting remarks about the Islamic prophet.

A senior Telangana state police officer confirmed Singh's arrest to AFP.

His arrest comes weeks after a prominent BJP spokesperson ignited protests across India and its neighbours when she made a derogatory comment on the prophet on a TV debate programme.

Russian ideologue Alexander Dugin (C) attends a farewell ceremony for his daughter Daria Dugina at the Ostankino TV centre in Moscow, yesterday. Dugina was killed Saturday when a bomb placed in her car went off as she drove on a highway outside Moscow. Moscow says Ukrainian intelligence was behind the attack -- a claim dismissed by Kyiv.Daria Dugina followed in her father's footsteps, becoming a well-known media personality who worked for pro-Kremlin television channels including Russia Today and Tsargrad. PHOTO: STAR

US OFFICIAL ON NUKE DEAL

Iran has dropped some demands

REUTERS

Iran has dropped some of its main demands on resurrecting a deal to rein in Tehran's nuclear program, including its insistence that international inspectors close some probes of its atomic program, bringing the possibility of an agreement closer, a senior US official told Reuters.

The United States aims to respond soon to a draft agreement proposed by the European Union that would bring back the 2015 nuclear deal.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said that although Tehran has been saying Washington has made concessions, Iran has dropped some of its key demands.

"They came back last week and basically dropped the main hang-ups to a deal," the official said. "We think they have finally crossed the Rubicon and moved toward possibly getting back into the deal on terms that President Biden can accept," the official added.

Iran's foreign ministry had no immediate comment.

Yesterday, EU's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said most countries involved in nuclear talks with Iran agree with the EU proposal.

"Most of them agree, but I still don't have the answer from the United States, who I understand have to discuss it, and we expect during this week to receive an answer," Borrell said in an interview with Spain's national broadcaster TVE.

Earlier, State Department spokesman Ned Price said there was no guarantee a deal can be struck, saying "the outcome of these ongoing discussions still remains uncertain as gaps do remain."

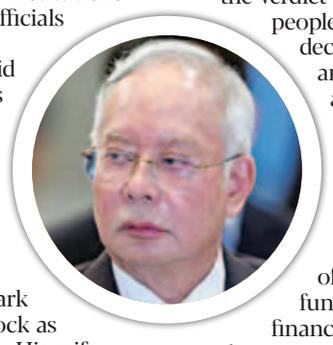
1MDB GRAFT SCANDAL IN MALAYSIA

Ex-PM loses final appeal, sent to jail

REUTERS, *Kuala Lumpur*

Malaysia's top court ordered former prime minister Najib Razak to begin a 12-year prison sentence yesterday after upholding a guilty conviction on charges related to a multi-billion dollar graft scandal at state fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

The Federal Court ruling caps the stunning downfall of Najib, who until four years ago governed Malaysia with an iron grip and suppressed local investigations of the 1MDB scandal that has implicated financial institutions and high-ranking officials worldwide.



Investigators have said some $4.5 billion was stolen from 1MDB - co-founded by Najib during his first year as prime minister in 2009 - and that over $1 billion went to accounts linked to Najib.

Najib, wearing a dark suit and tie, sat in the dock as the verdict was read out. His wife, Rosmah Mansor, who is also facing corruption charges, and three children were seated behind him.

Security officials then gathered around the bespectacled former premier and he was later seen leaving court in a black car with police escort.

A court official and sources close to Najib said he was taken to Kajang Prison, about 40 km away from Kuala Lumpur.

"This is unprecedented. Najib will be remembered for his many firsts, the first prime minister to lose a general election, the first to be convicted," said Adib Zalkapli, Director at political risk consultancy BowerGroupAsia.

The British-educated son of Malay nobility held the premiership from 2009 to 2018, when public anger over the graft scandal brought election defeat, and dozens of corruption charges were lodged in following months.

Najib, 69, was found guilty by a lower court in July 2020 of criminal breach of trust, abuse of power and money laundering for illegally receiving about $10 million from SRC International, a former unit of 1MDB. He had been out on bail pending appeals.

The former premier, who had pleaded not guilty, was sentenced to 12 years' jail and a 210 million ringgit ($46.84 million) fine.

The wide-ranging 1MDB scandal prompted the US Department of Justice to open what became its biggest kleptocracy investigation.

Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said the verdict proved the power of the people. "The people made the decision in 2018 to ensure an independent judiciary and that the country is clean of bribery. That decision allowed proceedings to be brought professionally," he said.

Various recipients of the siphoned 1MDB funds, including a fugitive financier named Jho Low, used the money to buy luxury assets and real estate, a Picasso painting, a private jet, a superyacht, hotels, jewellery, and to finance the 2013 Hollywood film "The Wolf of Wall Street", US lawsuits have said.

Addressing the court moments before the final verdict was delivered, Najib said he was the victim of injustice.

"It's the worst feeling to have to realise that the might of the judiciary is pinned against me in the most unfair manner," Najib told the court.

Najib, who faces several more trials over the allegations, has consistently denied wrongdoing.

He could apply for a review of the Federal Court decision, though such applications are rarely successful. He can also seek a pardon from the king. If successful, he could be released without serving the full 12-year term.

But the conviction means Najib will lose his parliamentary seat and cannot contest elections.

GANG-RAPE DURING 2002 GUJARAT RIOTS

India SC to hear petition after release of convicts

REUTERS, *New Delhi*

India's Supreme Court will hold a hearing on a petition challenging the release last week of 11 men convicted of gang-raping a pregnant Muslim woman during Hindu-Muslim riots in 2002 in the western state of Gujarat.

Last Monday, authorities in the Panchmahals district of Gujarat released the men after considering the time they had served after their conviction in 2008 and their behaviour while jailed.

The Court verbally agreed yesterday to hear a Public Interest Litigation petition to reverse the state's remission order freeing the men, Kapil Sibal, an attorney representing a group of women seeking the reversal, told Reuters.

The women include Subhashini Ali, a member of the Communist Party of India, Revati Laul, an independent journalist, and Mahua Moitra, an MP from the opposition Trinamool Congress Party, Sibal said.

The petition holds that the men must serve their full life sentences.

The violence in Gujarat in 2002 was one of India's worst religious riots and more than 1,000 people died, most of them Muslims. During the riots, the 11 men, all Hindu, gang-raped a pregnant Muslim woman and her three-year-old daughter was among those 14 killed by a mob.

Current Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was Gujarat's chief minister at the time of the riots.

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladesh nationals for filling up 1 (one) permanent post of Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology in the Pay Scale of Tk. 50,000-71,200/- (NSP 2015).

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have high academic qualifications in Anthropology preferably with a PhD or an equivalent degree. They should have at least 7 (seven) years' teaching and research experience in a University or an Institute of Advanced Research. They should have original research works published in recognized research journals. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contribution to different areas of University activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualification. In special cases the condition of period of experience may be relaxed.

Eleven copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark-sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before **22.9.2022**. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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Invitation for International Tenders

	BANGLADESH BANK , HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA			
1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable		
2	Agency	Not applicable		
3	Procuring Entity Name	**Bangladesh Bank**		
4	Procuring Entity Code	**Not used at present**		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	The Procurement of IT Equipment for Bangladesh Bank.		
7	Invitation Ref No	ISDSD(Services)-12(110)/2022		
8	Date	22 August 2022		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Source		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project / Program Code (if applicable)			
13	Project / Program Name (if applicable)			
14	Tender Package No.	ISDSD(Services)-12(110)/2022		
15	Tender Package Name	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Implementation and related services of Networking Items for Information Systems		
		Date		
16	Tender Publication Date	22 August 2022		
17	Tender Last Selling Date			
		Date	**Time**	
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	18 September 2022	03:00 PM BST	
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	18 September 2022	03:15 PM BST	
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	**Address**		
	- Receiving Tender Document	BB website eTender System (https://etender.bb.org.bd) and one Hard Copy Document		
	- Opening Tender Document	Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD), Bangladesh Bank, 29th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka		
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
21	Brief Eligibility of Tenderer	a) The Bidder/Tenderer shall have a minimum of ***five (05)*** years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. b) Bidder/Tenderer must be an authorized partner of the offered SDN OEM. Bidder should submit copy of OEM Partnership Certificate and web link to verify certificate. c) Bidder/Tenderer must have at least one OEM Certified advanced professional level certification badge holder resource for Data Center or Network Virtualization and provide web link to verify certificate. d) Bidder/Tenderer must have at least one offered SDN OEM certified advanced professional level certification badge holder resource in Designing or implementation for Data Center or Network Virtualization and provide web link to verify certificate. e) Bidder/Tenderer should submit list of trained and offered SDN OEM certified Engineers along with CV. f) Bidder/Tenderer must have experience of at least one successful offered SDN plan, design and implementation experience at Bank/financial institutions/ government organizations/autonomous bodies/ telecommunication companies. g) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum *US Dollar Four Million (USD 4,000,000)* under maximum *two (02)* contracts in the last *three (03)* of years. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper or website. h) The Tenderer may participate in the procurement proceedings forming a joint venture by an agreement, executed case by case on a non judicial stamp of BDT 300/- with the intent to enter into such an agreement supported by a letter of intent along with proposed agreement duly signed by all partners of the intended JV and authenticated by a Notary Public. i) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is *USD Two Million and One Hundred Thousand (USD 2,100,000) or equivalent amount in Bangladesh Taka.* j) Evidence of Work Order, Work Completion Certificate mentioning amount, item list, date etc. are required.		
22	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Implementation and related services of Networking Items for Information Systems		
23	Brief Description of Related Services	Three years warranty service.		

24	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (USD)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months from the date of contract singing
	1	Networking Items	Dhaka, Bangladesh	USD 75,000/=	16 Weeks

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Muhammad Ishaque Miah		
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Systems Manager		
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD), Bangladesh Bank, 29th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka		
28	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 9530192	Fax: 9530481	E-mail: ishaque.miah@bb.org.bd
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings			

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