

Imran recalls Bangladesh liberation to slam Pak army

ANI, Islamabad

Former Pakistan prime minister and PTI chief Imran Khan while addressing the nation on Saturday night said people should understand atrocities committed in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

"Today, we should understand what happened in East Pakistan and the atrocities committed. The party there which won a majority and should have been Prime Minister, was denied their right," the PTI chief said.

"We lost half the country. We cannot imagine the damage done to the country. Because people make decisions behind closed doors, a handful of people that don't know how the rest of the world is operating, make decisions," Khan said.

The PTI chief further said: "They don't even allow people to assess the damage done because of their decisions. When the Hamoodur Commission Report was written, it was never published and after 25 years, it was published in India."

Khan said he wants to remind people about East Pakistan. He said it happened during his lifetime, in March 1971.

"I went to play a match in East Pakistan against the U-19 team. Ours was the last flight out of East Pakistan. I still remember the hate people had towards East Pakistan. We were ignorant of what was happening because the media was controlled as it is today. The difference is, we, have social media today. And they shut down social media as well," Khan said.

"Because they wanted to promote their own narrative, that those protesting are rioters, they shut down social media, Facebook, Twitter, internet services. We can't imagine the damage to the country's economy. So, this is what happened in East Pakistan," he added.



A protester carries luggage symbolising Palestinians who fled or were expelled from their homes 75 years ago during a rally marking 'Nakba' day in the Ramallah city centre in the occupied West Bank yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

HOPEFUL ELECTION WINNER

Thai Senate could hold the key

REUTERS, Bangkok

Thailand's Move Forward party announced yesterday that it had sufficient votes to form a coalition government but a military-appointed Senate, the party's position on a royal insult law and a complaint against its leader may stand in the way.

Pita Limjarernrat, 42, led the Move Forward party to a stunning victory in Sunday's general election, winning the highest number of seats, ahead of another opposition party, the political heavyweight Pheu Thai.

The victory of the two opposition parties may pave the way to ending nearly 10 years of military-backed governments led by a former army chief, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, whose newly formed party won a small fraction of the seats that the opposition parties did.

"I am ready to become Thailand's 30th prime minister," Pita declared, explaining that his party and its five prospective coalition partners, including Pheu Thai, would secure 309 seats in the 500-seat lower house of parliament.

However, to be indisputably in a position to become prime minister he needs to be able to command a majority in a joint sitting of the bicameral legislature, which includes 250 members of a military-appointed Senate.

So he needs 376 members of a joint session to vote for him.

Reuters spoke to six senators to try to gauge the mood of the upper house. Some of them suggested they would not necessarily vote with the majority in parliament, even though that reflected the will of the people as expressed on Sunday.

Senator Somchai Sawangkarn said

his vote for who becomes prime minister would be based on his criteria and a lower-house majority alone was not sufficient.

"The person must be honest and not cause problems in the country," Somchai said.

"Hitler was elected in a majority but led the country to world war ... If there is a possibility of creating division in the country, I will not vote for them," he said. Another, Kittisak Rattanawaraha, said the next leader must be loyal to the nation, religion and king and not corrupt.

A polarising issue for Move Forward is its position on amending a strict royal insult law, which sets out a sentence of up to 15 years for defaming the monarchy.

Critics say conservative governments have used the law to stifle dissent but conservatives are fiercely opposed to any suggestion of amending it.

2024 LOK SABHA POLLS

Will support Congress where it is strong

Says Mamata Banerjee on opposition unity

NDTV ONLINE

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee yesterday said her party will support the Congress where it is strong in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This is the first time that Mamata cleared the air on Trinamool's stand on a possible strategy for opposition unity in the electoral battle ahead. "Wherever the Congress is strong, let them fight. We will give them support, there is nothing wrong (in that). But they have to support other political parties also," Mamata told reporters at the state secretariat. However, to get support, Congress also has to back other parties, she said. The Trinamool chief also made it clear that she expected the seat-sharing formula to give priority to regional players in areas where they were strong. "Strong regional parties must be given priority," she said. Mamata had earlier saluted the people of Karnataka after the BJP lost power there while avoiding mention of the grand old party with which Trinamool has had run-ins in the past.

CAMBODIA ELECTIONS

Main opposition party excluded

AFP, Phnom Penh

Cambodia's election body yesterday refused to register the main opposition party and chief challenger to Prime Minister Hun Sen for upcoming national elections. The National Election Committee said in a statement that the opposition Candlelight Party (CP) had failed to submit certain documents, so it would not be permitted to contest the July 23 vote. Hun Sen is one of the world's longest-serving leaders and critics and rights groups accuse him of using the legal system to crush opposition to his rule, particularly in the run-up to elections. The CP -- seen as the only viable challenger to Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) -- told AFP they would appeal to "restore a democratic base." If the ruling is upheld, it will pave the way for the CPP to effectively compete in a one-horse race.

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10. First Assistant Vice President

Age: Maximum 42 years as on 31.05.2023

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Age: Maximum 42 years as on 31.05.2023

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