

Thai court bans popular politician Dissolves his Move Forward Party

AFP, Bangkok
Thailand's most popular politician was banned from politics for 10 years and his party dissolved yesterday over his attempt to reform the kingdom's archaic royal defamation laws.

The Constitutional Court in Bangkok voted "unanimously" to dissolve the Move Forward Party (MFP) and ban its executive board, which includes its former leader Pita Limjaroenrat, for 10 years, judge Punya Udchachon said.

Pita, 43, led the reformist MFP to a shock first place in a general election last year.

He struck a chord with young and urban voters with his pledge to reform Thailand's strict royal defamation law, which rights groups say has been misused to stifle democracy groups.



Supporters at the Move Forward Party (MFP) headquarters react after Thailand's Constitutional Court ruled that former MFP leader Pita Limjaroenrat was to receive a decade-long ban and dissolve his party after challenging royal defamation laws, in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Harris, Walz debut White House ticket

Vow to 'fight for future' in Philadelphia rally

AFP, Philadelphia
Kamala Harris made her debut Tuesday evening with new White House running mate Tim Walz, who unleashed a stinging rebuke of their Republican rival Donald Trump, questioning his commitment to the country and skewering his record in office.

Hours after being announced on the Democratic ticket, the Minnesota governor took the stage with Vice President Harris in the crucial swing state of Pennsylvania, and signaled his intent to press the case aggressively against Trump.

election day, most Americans don't know who Walz is - and he gave voters a glimpse of his personal story, describing his military service, his experiences as a public school teacher and his record in politics.

He spoke of his upbringing in the small town of Butte, Nebraska where he worked on the family farm and where community was a "way of life" with neighbors striving together "for the common good." In their first campaign appearance together, Harris and Walz offered a glimpse of how they might appeal to voters as a duo - one a trailblazing Black and South Asian former senator from California, the other



"Donald Trump - he sees the world differently. He doesn't know the first thing about service because he's too busy serving himself," Walz told a crowd of around 10,000 wildly cheering supporters in Philadelphia.

He accused Trump of deliberately weakening the economy for his own ends, mocking law and order, and sowing "chaos and division"

"He drove our economy into the ground, and make no mistake: violent crime was up under Donald Trump. That's not even counting the crimes he committed," Walz added, earning roars of laughter and boisterous applause.

With less than three months to go until

a white ex-congressman from the blue-collar US heartland. Harris, 59, described Walz as "a leader who will help unite our nation and move us forward, a fighter for the middle class, a patriot who believes, as I do, in the extraordinary promise of America."

A former attorney general of California, Harris has sought to draw a contrast between her past as a prosecutor and Trump's criminal record, which extends to 34 felonies, with over a dozen more charges pending. But she told the crowd: "This campaign - our campaign - is not just a fight against Donald Trump. Our campaign - this campaign - is a fight for the future."

Harris draws more support among Black voters

Says analysis of Reuters polling; Trump up slightly among white voters

REUTERS, Washington

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris is drawing more support from Black voters than President Joe Biden did when he was in the race this year, while Republican Donald Trump's support among white voters has risen somewhat in recent months, according to an analysis of Reuters/Ipsos polling.

The analysis, which examined more than 10,000 responses from seven nationwide Reuters/Ipsos polls conducted since May, points to significant strengths and vulnerabilities for Harris, the US vice president who took over Biden's campaign when the president dropped his re-election bid on July 21.

Harris would be the first Black woman elected president, as well as the first Asian American, if she were to defeat Trump in the November 5 election.

Some 70 percent of Black voters polled in July picked Harris over Trump on a hypothetical ballot, up from 59 percent who backed Biden in May and June polls. Trump's share of the Black vote rose marginally to 12 percent in July from 9 percent in May and June.

Trump, meanwhile, is seeing increased support from white voters. Some 50% picked Trump in July polls, up from 46% in May and June. Harris had the support of 38% of white voters in July, compared to 36% in May and June.

The race remains essentially tied, with Harris and Trump each getting 43% support in an aggregate of last month's polls. Biden and Trump each had 40% in the polls conducted in the previous two months.

The analysis examined poll responses gathered throughout July on a hypothetical Harris-Trump contest and included responses from before Biden, 81, ended his bid. All responses on Harris, however, were gathered after Biden's June 27 debate against Trump, when the president's faltering performance led Democrats to call on him to end his campaign.

White voters make up the biggest racial bloc, accounting for 72% of all voters in the 2020 election, according to the Pew Research Center, though their share of the electorate has dropped sharply in recent decades.

Ukraine now opening '2nd front' in Africa: Russia

AFP, Moscow

Russia said yesterday that Ukraine is now opening a "second front" in Africa after Mali and Niger broke off diplomatic relations with Kyiv, accusing it of support for "terrorist groups".

"Unable to defeat Russia on the battlefield, the criminal regime of Volodymyr Zelensky has opened a second front in Africa," Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told the RIA Novosti news agency.

Zakharova accused Ukraine of "pandering to terrorist groups in countries on the continent friendly to Moscow".

Tuareg-led separatists have said they killed 84 fighters from Russia's Wagner mercenary group and 47 Malian soldiers in an attack last month in northern Mali.

Mali accused a senior Ukrainian official of having admitted Kyiv's role in the attack and broke off diplomatic relations on August 5.

Major shakeup

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night and yesterday.

The new IGP is a BCS 12th batch officer. Before becoming IGP, he served as the commandant of the Traffic and Driving School. He is from Panchagarh.

Additional IGP AKM Shahidur Rahman, also a 12th BCS police cadre officer, was serving in the police headquarters. He is from Barishal. Mainul Hasan who is from Kishoreganj and is a 17th BCS Batch officer was serving in the Criminal Investigation Department.

The changes came days after Sheikh Hasina was forced to resign as the prime minister and fled the country amid an unprecedented mass upsurge following student protests that saw over 400 people (as far as this newspaper could confirm) killed in violent clashes since July 16. Many of the deaths have been blamed on the indiscriminate firing of police, Rab and BGB to quell the protest.

Since the ouster, many police establishments came under attack by angry mobs across the country that left dozens of policemen killed, leaving the force's chain of command in disarray. The attacks also forced many policemen to flee for safety leaving their routine work and police establishments unguarded.

The newly appointed IGP yesterday instructed all policemen to return to their respective police lines, offices, and barracks to manage public order in the next 24 hours.

The IGP said many police officials were killed, injured and tortured because of some unprofessional and overly ambitious officials who did not follow the accepted principles of applying force and violated human rights.

Meanwhile, lower-ranked police personnel from constables to inspectors staged separate demonstrations at Dampara Police Lines in Chattogram yesterday and Barishal Police Lines on Tuesday afternoon. They also announced work abstention until their 11-point demand including the safety of every member of the police is ensured.

They brought out processions and held rallies demanding realisation of their demands which also included bringing those involved in the killings of police members to justice, forming an independent police commission to ensure that any political party cannot use police to implement its political agenda, ensuring eight hour working hours, increasing risk allowance, and the appointment of sergeant and sub-inspector through public service commission.

During the demonstration in Barishal, the agitating policemen said that they were the victims of some corrupt police officers and wanted those officials to be removed from the force.

In a written statement, the demonstrating policemen pointed out that the chain of command of police has broken down. "Our guardians (superiors) went into hiding abandoning us, leaving us insecure. The houses of the police forces are also being attacked. Many members of the police force have been brutally killed," it reads.

During a briefing yesterday, the IGP issued a warning to policemen on using social media, "I am directing my colleagues at all levels to refrain from making any demand, comment or reply through any kind of personal, association, batch, association on social media."

Civil admin

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orphans. Even the former IGP, who went into hiding, gave direction to the police force in a video message. But there was no such message for us, not even from the cabinet division," said the deputy commissioner of a district in Mymensingh division.

The officer added that DCs across the country were shocked that no one even asked how they were doing even after their officers were vandalised.

The residence of Mymensingh DC, and many offices of upazila nirbahi officers and assistant commissioners were vandalised in Cumilla, Bhola, Sunamganj, Narsingdi and Chuadanga, officials said.

A secretary said the void in general administration leadership was unprecedented. "These top officials only thought about their own safety, setting a bad example."

An employee of the Mymensingh DC office said, "We have never heard of the general administration falling apart like this."

Cabinet Secretary Mahbub Hossain did not pick up the phone.

Senior Secretary Mezbah said, "We talked with all the divisional commissioners and are taking information from the field officials."

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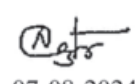
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AL not dead

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period of chaos. Our Awami League leaders outside the city are being murdered. The Awami League is the largest democratic political party. It is not dead. The Awami League has liberated Bangladesh. It will not be easy to wipe it out."

"A new democratic Bangladesh is not possible without the Awami League," said Joy.

"I call upon all the leaders of Awami League to stand tall, knowing that we are with you. We will do everything needed to save the country and save the Awami League. Sheikh Hasina is not dead. We have not gone anywhere."

Hours after Hasina's departure on Monday, Joy told BBC that there will be no political comeback for her. Following that Joy gave an interview to DW Bangla, stating neither his mother, nor him nor any of their family members will enter politics.

Meanwhile, AL leaders and activists in Gopalganj yesterday vowed to bring back Hasina, who resigned following a massive uprising.

They marched through Tungipara and took the oath at the mausoleum of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Mahabub Ali Khan, president of Gopalganj Awami League, administered the oath.

Speaking at the programme, GM Sahab Uddin Azam, general secretary of Gopalganj AL, said they would fight politically and continue their movement until they could bring Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana back to the country.