

Imran 'ready to apologise' if PTI role in riots proved

DAWN ONLINE

Former prime minister of Pakistan Imran Khan on Wednesday offered to apologise for the May 9 riots, provided the involvement of PTI supporters in the violent protests was proved.

His remarks came during a media talk at the Adiala Jail following the proceedings of the £190 million corruption reference against him and Bushra Bibi.

Khan said if CCTV footage identified that the PTI workers had trespassed and attacked government installations, he would not only apologise, but also expect those from the party, and ensure their prosecution before a court of law.

The ex-PM, however, pointed out that he too was manhandled on May 9, as Rangers had dragged him from premises of Islamabad High Court despite the fact that he was "the most popular leader in Pakistan".



Palestinians gather to receive food at a UNRWA distribution centre amid a hunger crisis in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip yesterday. The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said that at least 39,699 people have been killed in the Israeli offensive, which is now in its 11th month. PHOTO: REUTERS

UN troubled by Thai opposition party ban

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations yesterday said the dissolution of Thailand's main opposition Move Forward Party was "deeply troubling" and seriously impacted fundamental freedoms.

The Constitutional Court, Thailand's top court, voted unanimously on Wednesday to dissolve the MFP, the vanguard of the country's youthful pro-democracy movement, and ban its executive board members from politics for 10 years.

"This decision seriously impacts fundamental freedoms of expression and association, and people's right to participate in public affairs and political life in Thailand," UN human rights chief Volker Turk said in a statement.

"No party or politician should ever face such penalties for peacefully advocating legal reform, particularly in support of human rights."

The MFP took first place in a general election last year after pledging to reform Thailand's strict royal defamation law.

Calling the court move "deeply troubling", Turk said UN human rights mechanisms had long expressed concern about Thailand's lese-majeste laws, saying they were inconsistent with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

"I call on the government to find pathways to ensure a vibrant, strong and inclusive democracy that promotes and respects rights to freedom of expression and association, and end use of lese-majeste laws to suppress critical voices," said Turk.

Anarchy is our enemy

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"The fresh air of freedom," he said, seeking cooperation from people.

"Secondly, our peace and discipline maintaining institutions will not be excluded from [enjoying] this freedom. The army, navy, air force, border guard, police, Ansar, Village Defence, and coast guards will not be left out. Like everyone else, each of their members is today free from the extrajudicial coercive orders of the dictator government. If there is deviation from this in the slightest for anyone, our celebration today will be tarnished," he added.

Alleging that the "cruel autocratic government" was in power by using these forces, Prof Yunus said the government would restore the previous glories of these forces.

"Those who were involved in wrongdoings will be brought to justice," he said, adding that the same applies to all ministries, agencies, and educational institutions.

"Every criminal will be brought to book," he said.

He called on everyone to join their respective offices and enjoy the freedom of independence.

Earlier, Yunus called upon all to save the country from chaos and violence. He said restoring law and order would be his first priority to take the country forward. "Keeping faith in me, you have invited me; the students have invited me, and I have responded to that invitation. My appeal to the people: if you have faith in me and trust me, then ensure that no attack is carried out on anyone and anywhere in the country. This is our first responsibility," he told a crowded news briefing upon his arrival in Dhaka from abroad in the afternoon.

Flanked by the navy and air force chiefs, Chief of Army Staff General Waker-uz-Zaman received Yunus at the airport.

Some key organisers of the anti-discrimination student movement and representatives of the civil society were also present at the airport to welcome him.

Prof Yunus said, "Today is our day of glory. We have to move forward keeping in mind the revolution through which a new Victory Day has been created in Bangladesh today."

The microcredit pioneer expressed his gratitude to the young people who made it possible. "They have saved this country. They have given rebirth to our country. Our pledge is that we will take the country forward at a very fast pace after this rebirth."

In a choking voice, Prof Yunus paid tribute to Abu Sayed, the student who was among those killed first in police firing during the anti-discrimination student movement.

"I am remembering Abu Sayed. His image is etched in the mind of each Bangladeshi. No one will be able to forget it -- an incredibly courageous young man standing in front of guns. No young men and women accepted defeat after that, and they marched forward."

The movement then spread across the country and Bangladesh achieved independence for the second time, Prof Yunus said.

He said the people must protect this freedom. "We also have to make sure that the benefits of this freedom reach every citizen. Otherwise the freedom would be meaningless. So, we pledge to take the freedom to every home."

Prof Yunus said the elderly citizens

have to make the young people understand that this country is in their hands. "You [young people] will build the country as you like. Since you could liberate the country, you will also be able to build it as you like. The whole world will watch you and learn how a young generation can change the country."

He said the people have no confidence in the government system as they think it to be an instrument of repression.

"This cannot be a government system. The government will come forward to help and protect the people, and stand by them... We have to bring the confidence back to the people so that they join the government."

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said Bangladesh is a big family.

"We want to move forward unitedly. We want to overcome the hesitation and conflict. Those who have gone astray will have to be brought back on the right path so we can work together."

Speaking about vandalism and arson attacks on the religious minority communities and state establishments, Prof Yunus said those were carried out as part of a conspiracy.

"Our job is to protect them, protect everyone. Every human being is our brother and sister, and we have to protect them and restore discipline."

He said chaos and violence are the greatest enemies of progress. He urged all to stop violence and make a pledge not to take law into own hands and resort to repression anyone.

"Our law enforcement agencies should be built in such a way that we would feel secure about action to be taken against the troublemakers once they are handed over to them."

US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

Biden, Harris warn of Trump threat to democracy

AFP, Detroit

US President Joe Biden said Wednesday he is "not confident" Donald Trump would concede peacefully if he loses the US election, as the Republican's rival Kamala Harris warned a Trump victory would usher in a lawless administration set on curtailing Americans' freedoms.

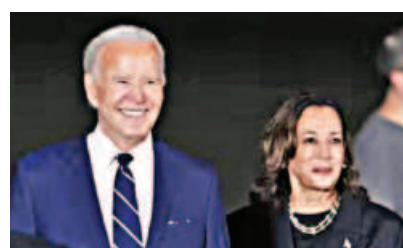
Trump has been impeached twice and indicted twice over various alleged attempts to cheat in the 2020 election -- which he still has not acknowledged he lost -- and was convicted of 34 felonies over a hush money scheme to deceive voters in 2016.

His false claims of widespread fraud in 2020 preceded the storming of the US Capitol -- and the wounding of more than 100 police officers -- by a violent mob determined to prevent the certification of his defeat.

"If Trump loses, I'm not confident at all," Biden told US network CBS after he was asked if he expected a peaceful transfer of power in 2025.

"He means what he says. We don't take him seriously," Biden warned. "He means it."

The president's remarks, which air fully on Sunday, came soon after Harris had sounded the alarm over Trump's conduct in the opposite scenario -- victory for the 78-year-old billionaire.



Speaking to a crowd in Eau Claire, Wisconsin as part of a multi-day tour of swing states, she used the former president's own words -- as well as his felony convictions -- to argue that a second Trump term would be a disaster for America.

She pointed to his vow to be a dictator "on day one," his threats to weaponize the Justice Department against his political enemies and his 2022 comment demanding the "termination" of constitutional provisions over his 2020 election defeat.

"Someone who suggests that we should terminate the constitution of the United States should never again have a chance to stand behind the seal of the president of the United States," Harris said, exhorting Americans to reject the "chaos, fear and hate" of Trumpism.

Harris reprised the theme hours later at a rally in Detroit, where she called herself and her new running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, "joyful warriors" in White House battle.

The 59-year-old vice president was on day two of a blitz of the most closely-fought election battlegrounds as she seeks to capitalize on a surging excitement since she replaced Biden atop the Democratic ticket in July.

Office of the Benapole Pourashava
District: Jashore

Memo No. 41.08.02.001.070.00.2024-321 Date: 08.08.2024

e-Tender Notice (LTM) No. 02/2024-25

e-Tender is invited from the enlisted tenderers under Benapole Pourashava in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Online(e-GP System) tender publication date & time	Online(e-GP System) tender closing date & time
1002281	BENA/ADP/20 23-24/P-7	Construction of RCC Box Culvert on Dighirpar-Bhabarbar Eidgah road at Dighirpar under Benapole Pourashava.	11-Aug-2024 09:00:00	28-Aug-2024 13:00:00

There are an online tender, where only, e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tendering documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 28-08-2024 at 12.00am.

Further information and guideline in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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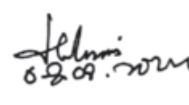
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Re-Tender Corrigendum Notice No. 02

Due to unavoidable situation the tender notice issued by the office of the undersigned vide Memo No: 46.02.09. 00.000.037.24.2210 Date: 15/07/2024 has been Changed as follows:

Last date of selling : 27/08/2024 till 16.00pm instead of 13/08/2024 16.00pm
Last date of submission : 28/08/2024 till 13.00pm instead of 14/08/2024 13.00pm
Date of opening : 28/08/2024 till 16.00pm instead of 14/08/2024 16.00pm
Time for completion : 18 month instead of 21 month.

All other terms & conditions will be remain unchanged.


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নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীরা এ মর্মে প্রতীতি জন্মে যে, কৃষি বিপণন অধিদপ্তরের আওতাধীন সিনিয়র কৃষি বিপণন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ঢাকার অফিস সহকারী কাম কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক, মিজ মিথিলা আফরিন তাঁর বিরুদ্ধে রুজুকৃত ০১/০৯/২০২৪ নম্বর বিভাগীয় মামলার অভিযোগনামা ও অভিযোগবিবরণী গ্রহণ এতদনুসারে উদ্দেশ্যে বিভিন্নভাবে অপচেষ্টা করছেন মর্মে বিশ্বাস করার যুক্তিসঙ্গত কারণ রয়েছে। এমতাবস্থায়, সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ২০১৮ চ(২) বিধি অনুসারে এবং দেওয়ানি কার্যবিধি ১৯০৮ এর আদেশ ৫ বিধি ২০(এক) অনুযায়ী প্রতিকল্প ব্যবস্থা (Substituted Service) হিসাবে মিজ মিথিলা আফরিন-এর বিরুদ্ধে রুজুকৃত বিভাগীয় মামলার অভিযোগনামা ও অভিযোগবিবরণী দু'টো এতদসঙ্গে প্রকাশ করা হলো।

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বিভাগীয় মামলা নং-০১/২০২৪

বিষয়ঃ মিজ মিথিলা আফরিন, অফিস সহকারী কাম কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক, সিনিয়র কৃষি বিপণন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-এর বিরুদ্ধে সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ২০১৮ অনুসারে আনীত অভিযোগ নামা।

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"অভিযোগ নামা"

যেহেতু আপনি মিজ মিথিলা আফরিন, অফিস সহকারী কাম কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক গত ২৪/০৯/২০২৩ হতে ২৬/০৯/২০২৩ তারিখ পর্যন্ত ০৩ (তিন) দিনের নৈমিত্তিক ছুটি গ্রহণপূর্বক কর্মস্থল ত্যাগ করেন। আপনার ২৭/০৯/২০২৩ তারিখ অফিসে যোগদান করার কথা থাকলেও অদ্যাবধি কর্মস্থলে যোগদান করেন নি। আপনি অননুমোদিতভাবে ৬০ দিনের অধিককাল কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন। নিয়ম মোতাবেক সিনিয়র কৃষি বিপণন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, কৃষি বিপণন অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা হতে অফিসে যোগদানের জন্য একাধিক পত্র প্রদান করা হলেও আপনি সে সকল পত্রের কোন জবাব অত্র কার্যালয়কে অবহিত করেন নি।

০২। আপনার এরূপ বিনানুমতিতে কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত সরকারী কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ২০১৮ এর বিধি-২ (২) অনুযায়ী অসদাচরণ ও পলায়ন (Desertion) হিসেবে গণ্য ও শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ;

০৩। সেহেতু আপনাকে সরকারী কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপীল) বিধিমালা, ২০১৮ এর বিধি-৩ এর দফা (খ) ও (গ) অনুযায়ী অসদাচরণ ও পলায়ন এর অভিযোগে অভিযুক্ত করা হলো। এবং কেন আপনাকে সরকারি চাকুরী হতে বরখাস্ত (Dismissal) কিংবা উপরোক্ত বিধিমালায় আওতাধীন অন্যকোন দস্ত প্রদান করা হবে না তার লিখিত জবাব যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে এ অভিযোগনামা প্রাপ্তির ১০ (দশ) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী বরাবর দাখিল করার জন্য নির্দেশ প্রদান করা হলো।

০৪। যে সকল অভিযোগের উপর ভিত্তি করে এ অভিযোগনামা প্রণয়ন করা হয়েছে তার একটি বিবরণী এতদসঙ্গে প্রেরণ করা হলো।

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"অভিযোগ বিবরণী"

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০২। তিনি উর্ধ্বতন কর্তৃপক্ষের নির্দেশনা না মেনে একই ধরনের অপরাধ বার বার করে যাচ্ছেন; এবং

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