



Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee NO MORE

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Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, veteran Left leader and former West Bengal chief minister, died at his south Kolkata residence this morning. He was 80.

He had been unwell for a while and had been suffering from respiratory problems that led to his frequent hospitalisation in recent years.

Last year, he had to be put on life support after he contracted pneumonia. But the veteran CPM leader made a comeback.

He is survived by his wife Meera and son Suchetan.

Bhattacharjee, also a former member of the CPM's top decision-making body, Politburo, served as Bengal chief minister from 2000 to 2011, succeeding Jyoti Basu in the top post. Bhattacharjee led the CPM into the 2011 state polls when the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress posted a historic win, ending the 34-year Communist rule in the eastern state.

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Students form liaison committee to work with govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-discrimination Student Movement yesterday announced a committee to liaise with the newly formed interim government, civil society, students, and stakeholders.

Formed on August 5, the six-member committee selected and recommended the names of the advisers for the caretaker administration in one of its first tasks, the movement's coordinator Nahid Islam announced at a press conference at Dhaka University Journalists' Association at 7:30pm.

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Committee coordinator Mahfuz Abdullah said at the press conference, "It is the work of the liaison committee to present proposals based on discussions, consultations, debate and dialogue with all the stakeholders of the state."

The members are Nasir Uddin Patwari aka Nasir Abdullah, Akram Hussain, Bhuiyan Asaduzzaman, Mamun Abdullahil, Ariful Islam Adeeab - all students of Dhaka University.

Yunus-led interim govt takes charge

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advisers last night, but none could give an answer.

With almost the entire police force remaining absent after numerous attacks on police, law and order situation has sharply worsened across the country. Students and volunteers have been controlling traffic on roads.

Political analysts say the Yunus-led government must quickly ensure people's safety, restore law and order, and get the barely-functioning civil administration back to normal.

For years, the winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize was subject to bitter criticism from Hasina and the Awami League. Hasina said Prof Yunus was behind the cancellation of World Bank funding for the Padma Bridge.

He was stalked by lawsuits that many said were aimed at harassing him. A labour court sentenced him and three other top officials of Grameen Telecom to six months in prison in a case filed over labour law violations.

On Wednesday, a Dhaka tribunal acquitted Yunus in the case.

Last night's ceremony attended by almost 700 guests began with the recitation from the holy Quran.

Leaders of the BNP, the recently banned Jamaat, chiefs of the three armed forces, journalists, and top civil and military officials attended the event.

The chief justice, election commissioners and Awami League leaders

were not seen there.

The new advisers include Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud, two key organisers of the student movement that led to the fall of the previous government, are also advisers.

This is the first time in Bangladesh that university students are in the advisory council. At just 26, Nahid and Asif are the youngest people ever to have the status of a minister.

As the chief adviser, Prof Yunus enjoys the status of prime minister.

The other advisers include Salehuddin Ahmed, former governor of Bangladesh Bank; Asif Nazrul, law professor at Dhaka University; Adilur Rahman, secretary of rights organisation Odhikar; Hassan Arif, former attorney general and adviser to a caretaker government; Touhid Hossain, former foreign secretary; Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of BELA; and Sharmeen Murshid, chief executive officer of election watchdog Brotec.

Besides, Faruk-e-Azam, a freedom fighter; Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhat Hossain, former election commissioner; Supradip Chakma, chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board and former ambassador; Bidhan Ranjan Roy, a psychiatrist; AFM Khalid Hossain, nayeb-e-ameer of Hefazat-e-Islam and adviser to Islami Andolan Bangladesh; Farida Akhter, women rights activist; and Nurjahan Begum, trustee

board member of Grameen Telecom are advisers.

Supradip, Bidhan, and Faruk have yet to be sworn in, said the cabinet secretary.

In her impromptu reaction, Sharmeen Murshid said, "The country has fallen apart, it is fragmented, and people are divided. Institutions have been destroyed. We need to rebuild these."

"Even if I were an ordinary citizen, I would still have to contribute to the efforts. Now I have the opportunity to contribute more. I believe we have a strong team of advisers."

Another member Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, "Many countries around the world have become democratic, established accountability, and upheld human rights. Why can't we do the same here?"

"Half of the country's population is young. But we never considered how important they could be in getting things done. Today, they have proven their relevance and importance."

Student protests demanding reform in quotas in government jobs began on July 1 and gradually gained strength despite the government's use of excessive force leading to over 300 deaths.

The movement climaxed in a people's uprising on Monday as the student organisers urged people to "march to Dhaka."

After the fall of military dictator Hussain Muhammad Ershad, Bangladesh saw an interim government headed by Justice Shahabuddin

Ahmed in 1991.

In 1996, another interim government was formed under Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman. The interim government system was included in the constitution in the face of a movement led by the Awami League.

Justice Latifur Rahman was the head of the 2001 caretaker government.

The then president, Iajuddin Ahmed, also served as the chief adviser to the caretaker government from October 2006 to January 2007.

Former central bank governor Fakhruddin took charge as the head of the caretaker government on January 12, 2007.

In 2011, the Hasina-led government abolished the caretaker government system.

Prof Asif Nazrul on August 6 said, "We are going to form the government in an extraordinary situation. There are different constitutional means and customs to legalise certain actions. We will do that."

Supreme Court lawyer Shahdeen Malik said it might not be possible to fully abide by the constitution in the context of such an extraordinary political upheaval.

The general elections held under Shahabuddin, Habibur, Lutfor and Fakhruddin were comparatively acceptable to the people.

Just after being sworn in, Prof Yunus visited the Dhaka Medical College Hospital to visit those injured in the anti-government clashes.

'Interim govt will play vital role in establishing peace, stability'

Hopes US State Dept

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Washington thinks the interim government headed by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus will play a vital role in establishing long-term peace and political stability in Bangladesh, said Matthew Miller, the US State Department spokesman.

"And as you heard the secretary say yesterday, any decision that the interim government makes should respect democratic principles, rule of law and the will of the Bangladeshi people," he said at a press briefing yesterday.

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The US will continue to monitor developments in Bangladesh, he said.

"I have already spoken to the interim government in Bangladesh and what steps we want to see it carry out as it moves forward."

The interim government took oath last evening, three days after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government following a mass movement calling for her resignation.

Meanwhile, some media reported that Hasina's US visa has been revoked.

Asked about this, Miller said visa records are confidential under US law, so he cannot comment on that in any way.

When informed that Hasina's son Sajeb Wazed Joy, a US resident, was instrumental in the shut down of internet in Bangladesh during the recent students' protest, Miller said he does not have any comment on statements made by a private citizen.

Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Limited, Khulna Invitation for International Tender (IFTT)
1 Ministry/Division: Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications & Information Technology
2 Procuring entity name: Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Limited
3 Procuring entity district: Khulna
4 Invitation for: Procurement of Raw Materials for Manufacturing of Telecomm. Copper Cables / Optical Fiber Cables/HDPE Duct/Electrical Overhead Conductor.
5 Tender Invitation Ref. No.: 14.37.0000.702.07.755.24.31.69
6 Date: 08-08-2024
7 Procurement method: Open Tendering Method with International Competition
8 Budget and source of funds: BCSL's own fund
9 Tender publication date: Within 11-08-2024
10 Tender last selling date: 09-09-2024 till 16:30 hours
11 Tender closing date and time: 10-09-2024 11:00 hours
12 Tender opening date and time: 10-09-2024 11:15 hours
13 Name & address of the office(s): Dhaka Liaison Office, Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Limited, Nilkhet Telephone Exchange Building (1st Floor), Dhaka-1205, Phone No-0088-02-9615501, Mobile: 01550059620/01739152828
14 Eligibility of tenderer: As per TDS
15 Brief description of goods: Please see serial No. 21 below
16 Price of tender document: Taka 3,000.00 (three thousand) only per set (non-refundable)
17 Lot No., Identification of lot, Location, Quantity, Fixed tender security, Completion time
18 Name of official inviting tender: Md. Arifur Rahman FCMA
19 Designation of official inviting tender: General Manager (Purchase & Marketing)
20 Address of official inviting tender: Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Ltd., Shironomi Industrial Area, Khulna-9206.
21 Contact details of official inviting tender: Foreign Purchase Section, Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Ltd., Shironomi Industrial Area, Khulna. Phone No. 880-2477702/250, 01711066077/01550059625. Please visit our website at www.bcs.gov.bd & CPTU Website: www.cptu.gov.bd & E-mail: dgmurh02@gmail.com.
22 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Normalcy

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Meanwhile, Gonoforum Emeritus President and eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain said, "The change that has come today [yesterday] was welcomed by everyone. There has been an extraordinary turnout at the event. Everyone feels that change has come."

"We hope they [members of the advisory council] will be able to address the new crises. People will expect a meaningful change - let this be that change."

Speaking to The Daily Star last night, Barrister Sara Hossain said, "My main expectation from this government is that it will enable substantial reforms to institutions in Bangladesh and clear the path for truth-telling about what has happened not only in the immediate past or the past few weeks but even over the last 14 years and before that. The students' anti-discrimination movement was for reforms and against repression and these should be the interim government's main themes."

"What I perhaps am a bit troubled by is that, unlike previous years, there is no balance of political background and police. We obviously have no representation from Awami League. This absence of balance could cause a problem."

Bangladesh has a secular constitution, history and tradition, which has not denied any faith but encouraged pluralism, "But the swearing-in today did not reflect that and I hope that is not a sign of things to come."

The inclusion of students is of course unprecedented, she said, adding, "But I think it can only add energy to the whole process ... I believe they can be a part of keeping the interim government in the right direction and keep it within the demands of the students and general people. We need to remember that even post-Liberation in 1971, we had many young leaders."

Sara Hossain observed, "We are a secular country of diverse religions, beliefs, ethnicities, genders and sexualities but we have seen some parties such as Hefazat-e-Islam who

are opposed to equality and non-discrimination, and so, I question their inclusion in this current interim government."

Samina Luthfa, associate professor at Dhaka University, said, "While I welcome the interim government, it is to be noted that many of them are from non-government organisations and require a specific kind of skill set. However, there is much work to be done to reform the nation, whether they have the skills for that remains a question. I think including the students [leaders of the anti-discrimination student movement] in the government brings hope."

Asked whether minority and women representation were enough, she said, "I believe those could be higher. Many other women and actors from religious minority backgrounds are skilled and have been supporting the movement, they too could have been included. More people from these segments of society could have ensured a higher possibility of a 'discrimination-free' country."

She added that since the Jamaat-e-Islami was banned, the Hefazat Nayeb-e-Ameer may have been included to balance out participation from all religious backgrounds.

"We are in an extraordinary situation and of course, we cannot expect everything to be perfect already, it will all take time."

"However, at this moment, the first thing the interim government must look after is the safety of all citizens, justice, the economy, and restoring law and order."

Samina Luthfa added, "Institutions that valued justice, law, and culture were all destroyed and politicised in the previous [Hasina] regime. Meanwhile, university administrations, which are of utmost importance for the growth of the newer generations, were also negatively influenced. All of these need rational and logical reforms."

On the other hand, she believes social inequality, and lack of justice must be addressed, regardless of race, religion or merit.

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