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Nisha discusses election with Hasina, Khaleda PM assures free polls, Khaleda stresses dialogue to resolve crisis

Human Rights Report:

US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal Sunday discussed with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. opposition leader Khaleda Zia and civil-society members ways of resolving

political the crisis in Bangladesh. During her meeting with **Prime Minister**

Sheikh Hasina Sunday on reaffirmed that the next election will be free, fair and credible, and hoped that the

opposition will take part in the election where the people will freely exercise their franchise. The Prime Minister came up with the reassurance when visiting US assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal called on her at her official residence Ganobhaban in the afternoon. Biswal also hoped that the 10th general election of Bangladesh will be free, fair and a credible one to continue the democratic process

of the country.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, PM's deputy press secretary Bijan Lal Dev said that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and US assistance secretary of state for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha



ous issues of bilateral interest

and common concern. The Prime Minister told the US official that at present, the Election Commission, Human Rights Commission, Information Commission and media of the country are very strong, active and fully independent.

"The country now has a voter list with photographs. So, there is no scope for vote rigging," she said.

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Minister said that the government is working tirelessly to strengthen the democracy and democratic institutions of the country.

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Mentioning that the voter list prepared during the previous BNP-Jamaat alliance government with over 1.23 crore spurious voters, Hasina said the Election Commission has

introduced voter ID cards with photo putting a stop to any fraud voting. Describing various steps of the government to strengthen the EC, she said the Commission is capable of holding free, fair and peaceful national election in the country. About the suspension of GSP facilities on some products, the Prime Minister said the US decision has affected the poor workers for whom father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman fought all his life and she also has been working with right earnest. She said the minimum wage

for the garment workers has been increased from Tk 1,600 to Tk 5.300 in less than last five years. In this regard, she urged the US government to pursue with the buyers to increase the price of garment products to help further increase the wages of labours. She said the aim of her politics is to improve the living standard of the poor people. Emphasizing regional cooperation, Hasina said that her government has been trying to strengthen regional relations to ensure welfare of the peoples in the region. In this context, she mentioned that her government has been able to reduce poverty significantly and maintain over 6 percent GDP growth over last couple of years due to various pragmatic pro-people steps implemented during the period.



Global Social Business Summit 2013 opens in Malaysia

Human Rights Report: The Global Social Business Summit 2013 opened - 7

Muhammad to conduct the first the session. In his opening speech, Professor Yunus

November 2013 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in KL, Malaysia. This is first time that the

Summit has been organised in Asia, and is being attended by 600 delegates from all over the world. The program began with an electrifying performance by the musical troupe Malaysia Percussion which set a high note to the opening ceremony. Hans Reitz, the Director of Global Social Business Summit and Nurfarini Daing, CEO of Youth Trust

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Foundation my Harapan wel-

comed the participants and

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Nobel Laureate Professor

expressed his happiness in seeing the concept of social business develop and flourish globally.

The Founder of Grameen Bank said the capitalist system came up with a lot of promises and the whole world had rallied merrily around it. "It was thought that it would solve all problems. Instead it created new problems. And we see no light at the end of the tunnel, and we are trapped" He said social business. He said business is a very powerful machine which could be used in different directions for achieving multiple results instead of driving it into for a

single goal of making money. "Social business could be that multi-tasking machine," said the Bangladeshi economist, and offered the chance of making lasting impact. The microcredit pioneer described how the social business conquered new frontiers, making inroads into traditionally conservative and powerful organizations. A highlight of the day was the announcement about the establishment of Social Business Fund in Mexico through a signing today of an MOU between Government

of Veracruz Mexico and Yunus Social Busines Global. This is a follow up of visit by Professor a Muhammad Yunus to the State of Veracruz, Mexico in July 2013 at the invitation of Governor Dr. Javier Duarte de Ochoa. During the visit, the Governor announced his willingness to invest US\$ 4.5 million into a social business fund for the State of Veracruz, and to start a Holistic Social Business Movement (HSBM) including the set up of a Fund and an Incubation Center. This investment will help create a supportive environment within which social businesses can thrive.

The opening session was followed by two plenary sessions. The panelists for the first plenary session included Dr. Fatima Al Balooshi,

of Minister Social Development of Bahrain, Richard Branson, Virgin (virtual address), Group Saskia Bruysten, CEO of YSB, Nurfarini Daing, Eric Lesuer, Projects Director, Veolia Environnement, Hans Reitz and Prof. Hiroto Yasuura, VP of Kyushu University and Mr Rogerio Oliveira CEO of Yunus Social Business, Brazil. The second session consisted of 20 focus group sessions which went into greater depth on particular aspects of social business. The focus group session was followed by the second plenary session which focused on cocreation, collaboration and the importance of partnerships as a key driver for social business. A two members Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) delegate Dr. Saiful I. Dildar, Secretary General and Md. Nazrul Islam NEC Member were present the GSBS-2013 Kuala Lumpur.

The Summit will run from November 7-9, 2013. The opening ceremony was H.E Y.A.M attended by Tunku Redhauddin, Prince of Seremban State, Malaysia and the closing ceremony will be attended by Prime Minister of Malaysia Mr. Dato Sri Haji Mohammad Najib Abdul Razak tomorrow.

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Medical Marijuana May Making One Forgetful

New research has targeted the enzyme that causes users of medical marijuana to suffer memory problems. It turns out a simple over-thecounter painkiller could help. Medical marijuana has taken hold in several states and gained the backing of several prominent doctors. But one of the problematic side effects of the drug, which makes supporters hesitant of long-term use, is the memory loss that often accompanies its use. Luckily, a solution is in sight over-the-counter painkillers, such as Advil, might be the perfect antidote to the problem, according to a new, small study on mice. Researchers from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center have spent years studying how THC (Tetra Hydro Cannabinol) the main active ingredient in marijuana which impacts memory, and devising a way to prevent this impact from occurring. Marijuana produces a lot of undesirable side effects, such as impacting learning and memory.

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PM seeks regional co-op for poverty alleviation

Human Rights Report: Arming poverty as the main

enemy of this region, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on 18 November 2013 sought a strong regional cooperation in eradicating

poverty and in freeing the people from this menace.

"Ι always believe poverty is the main enemy of this region. To fight against poverty and free the

people of this region from poverty, there is essentially need for a strong regional cooperation," she said.

Hasina was addressing the inaugural function of Sheikh Fazilatun Nesa Mujib Memorial KPJ Specialised Hospital and Nursing College here in Kashimpur. function.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Abdul Razak and PM's younger sister Sheikh Rehana jointly

inaugurated the 250-bed hospital and nursing college at a function on its premises through unveiling its plaque. Malaysian Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah



Mansor, Sheikh Hasina's younger sister and vice president of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust Sheikh Rehana, Social Welfare Minister Enamul Haque Mostafa Shaheed, Health Minister AFM Ruhal Haque, PM's Health and She also presided over the Social Welfare Adviser Dr Malaysian Syed Modasser Ali and AKM Mozammel Haque, MP were present.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust member secretary Sheikh



ing hand in hand and the relationship of Bangladesh with Malaysia is based on a strong foundation and I hope that this will further strengthen in the future," she added. Hasina mentioned that with sincere cooperation of the government, Bangladesh has resumed exporting manpower extending her sincere thanks to the Malaysian Prime Minister for legalising many illegal Bangladeshis living in his Hafizur Rahman country over the years.

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We've conveyed to him the situation of the current political crisis and how it could be resolved. We've requested him as our guardian of

the state to take initiative for dialogue as well as understanding to resolve the cri-sis," BNP acting secretary-

Mirza general Islam Fakhrul Alamgir said. BNP The spokesperson gave the informa-

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tion to the awaiting journalists in front of the president house on Tuesday night while emerging from an over hour-long meet-

ing with the President and an 18-party delegation led by Leader of the Opposition and BNP chief Khaleda Zia.

Mirza Fakhrul stated to journalists that Begum Khaleda Zia told the President that the opposition would not participate in any election without non-party neutral government.

She requested the President to take initiative for dialogue and understanding to resolve the political standoff. The President assured that he would definitely try within his constitutional power and hoped the crisis would end through talks.

Meanwhile, the press secretary to the President told reporters that the President advised both the major parties to initiate the process of

BNP for non-party govt Khaleda places 8-point demand before President

dialogue. On return from Bangabhaban, the opposition leader conferred with her 18party allies. Briefing on the



alliance meet, Fakhrul later told journalists that they had apprised the President that they would participate in the polls only if held under a non-party neutral government. "If not, we want to sate it clearly that we won't allow and resist the election," he told the reporters.

Khaleda Zia led a 20-member delegation of the BNPled alliance at the meeting with the President, a day after eight ministers were sworn in to reconstitute the cabinet of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the interim period leading to the general election.

The opposition leader reached the Bangabhaban gate around 5:50pm and went in around 6:20pm on completion of formalities waiting 30 minutes outside

the presidential palace 6:28pm and ended at 7:26pm. President and Mrs Hamid received the BNP chairperson as she descended from her car around BNP 6:15pm,

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sources said. The delegation comprised BNP acting secretary-general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and standing committee members Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Jamiruddin Sircar, ASM Hannan Shah, Abbas,

Mirza Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Abdul Moyeen Khan and Nazrul Islam Khan, Liberal Democratic Party chief Oli Ahmed, BJP chief Andaleev Rahman Partha, Islami Oikya Jote chairman Abdul Latif Jamaat-e-Islami Nezami, Nayeb-e-Ameer AKM Nazir Ahmed, Khelafat Majlish ameer Maulana Muhammad Jagpa Ishaq, president Shafiul Prodhan, Alam National Peoples Party (NPP) Sheikh chairman Shawkat Hossain Nilu, National Democratic Party president Khandker Golam Murtaza, Kolyan Party chairman Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, Bangladesh NAP Chairman Jebel Rahman Gani and Labour Party chairman Mustafizur Rahman Iran.

US concerned over political impasse

Human Rights Report: The US has expressed its grave concern over the prevailing political stalemate in Bangladesh centring the upcoming 10th parliamentary election.

Rigid stance of both the major political camps-Awami League and BNP- increasing violence on the streets and attacks on minorities are the main points of con-

cern of the US government, said the members Foreign Affairs of Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the US Congress during a hearing on

prevailing political turmoil over Bangladesh's next general election.

The hearing titled 'Bangladesh in Turmoil: A Nation on the Brink?' was held at the House Rayburn Office Building Washington on November 20. Steve Chabot, chief of the subcommittee, chaired the

hearing. "Bangladeshi politics is once again at the crossroads. The

constitution requires an elec-

tion to be held by 24 January 2014, but there is no agreement between the opposition and the ruling parties as to who will oversee the election," said Ali Riaz, who attended the hearing as a witness. He works at public pol-



icy scholar of Woodrow Wilson Center.

The ruling Awami League, members of the coalition, and the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina insist that there can be no alternative to an interim government of elected parliament members as stipulated in the constitution, and by implication, a government headed by the incumbent PM, the witness said. The leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia, on the other hand, threatens to boycott the election if her demand that a non-partisan neutral caretaker be installed beforehand is not met. The point of contention is whether the government will comprise political leaders or non-partisan individuals. The opposition alliance led by the BNP insists that if the government is manned by politicians it will influence the election results in favor of the incumbent. The PM, who

previously maintained that the interim government would be formed only with her current coalition partners, offered the opposition parties an opportunity to join an allparty government to oversee the election, he said. Accordingly new mem-

bers have been inducted in the cabinet. However, the issue of the head of the interim government remained unspecified, the statement said. (Though Hasina last night during the winding up speech of 19th parliament said that President Abdul Hamid asked her to lead the polls-time government.) The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)-led coalition rejected the offer. Calls from the US Secretary of State John Kerry, the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, lead-

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Elections without main opposition will be devastating

Human Rights Report: A six-member delegation of eminent citizens of the country called on President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban on 26 November 2013 evening. They conveyed their deep concern to the President on behalf of the country and its people.

The delegation, comprising former advisors to previous caretaker governments and constitution experts, held the meeting with the President from 6.30 pm.

The delegation led by Dr Kamal Hossain included Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Dr "We want free and fair elections. Democracy must be maintained," Akbar Ali Khan added.

On 25 November 2013, Chief Election Commission Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed announced the election schedule through a televised address to the nation. As per the polls schedule, the deadline for submission of nomination papers is December 2 and the scrutiny of the nomination papers is December 5 and 6. The last date for withdrawal of candidature is December 13 while the election will be held on January 5. In his speech, the CEC said, "I hope all political parties will come forward to fulfill people's expectations so that they can see the reflection of their mandate in a fair, peaceful and neutral election to be held a following political compromise," he said.

ers of the European Union (EU) and many others to these leaders to engage in a dialogue have fallen on deaf

ears. The witness also revealed the attempt of international communities to way out a solution in the political crisis saying, a 37-minute telephone 'conversation' between the two leaders in late October, an audio recording of which was 'obtained' by the press, was revealed to be little more than a litany of charges and counter-charges; no agreement was reached on any issue. The situation is reminiscent of 1996 when the position of the parties was reversed; at that time, the AL was demanding a neutral caretaker government while the ruling BNP was main-

taining that no provision for such a measure had been made in the constitution.

In recent months, the situation has taken a violent turn as the opposition organised several general strikes which led to death and destruction and has threatened more in the coming days.

The human cost of the violence is rising rapidly. With time about to run out, there is very little prospect of any compromise. That means that an inclusive and timely election in Bangladesh looks increasingly unlikely.

Akbar Ali Khan, Sultana Kamal, Badiul Alam Mazumber and Dr Shahdin Malik. Coming out of Bangabhaban, Dr Akbar Ali Khan told waiting reporters, "We conveyed our deep concern to the President. What is now going on in the country is an ominous sign for the nation. We want to get rid of this situation."

"We told him that the upcoming national elections without the main opposition will be devastating for democracy," he said.



Rejecting the election schedule, the main opposition BNP demanded that the election schedule be suspended until there is a political consensus over the polls-time government.

Yunus briefs Nisha about pol situation, GB issue

Human Rights Report: Microfinance Pioneer and Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus has discussed country's latest political situation with visiting US Assistant Secretary for South

and Central Asia Nisha Desai Biswal. The meeting was held at US Ambassador Dan Mozena's residence at Gulshan in the city for about an hour on 17 November 2013 morning.

Yunus shared his concern

about Grameen Bank [GB] during the meeting. Issues like, current political situation in Bangladesh and Rohingya refugee also came up for discussions.

"I have discussed the country's present political standoff with her. She praised Bangladesh's socio-economic progress...and said the US want doesn't to see Bangladesh's progress hampered. I told her we also do not want to see this to happen. However, there was no discussion on dialogue," Dr Yunus told the newsmen after the meeting.

When asked what actually he has conveyed to the US assistant secretary, Yunus replied: "I've shared views with her about political crisis. It was all the same... I conveyed my concern on politics and



the bank [GB]. Like several others. Nisha is also a fan of the GB and wanted to know its present condition. She expressed her concerns about the future of the GB."

"What I've told her was exactly the summary of my recent statements in the media. Nisha laid emphasis on combined efforts for continuation of progress. I also said her that we want the continuation of what Bangladesh has achieved so far in various sectors," he elaborated.

Yunus recently supported the

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"The Rohingya issue also got importance in the meeting. "I'll visit Myanmar in April and I will discuss

Rohingya issue during my visit. We also discussed how the USA can influence to resolve the crisis," Yunus said. Dr Yunus will leave Dhaka for the USA [Monday] today to attend the Presidential

Medal of Freedom ceremony at the White House, to be hosted by President Barack Obama on November 20.

First, I'll attend a function in New York and then will go to Washington," he said, adding: "I had got the invitation earlier and it has been conveyed again by Nisha Biswal."

Yunus is only the seventh person in history to have won both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Meanwhile, Nisha also met the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson

Khaleda Zia yesterday afternoon. She also held meetings with the International Labour Organization [ILO] and Bangladesh Centre for Workers Solidarity [BCWS] separately at the US ambassador's residence. She heard the opinions of garment labour activists Kalpana Akhter and Babul Akhter who work with the American Solidarity Centre.

She later joined a luncheon meeting of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Association Exporters [BGMEA]. At the meeting, she put emphasis on improving labour conditions in Bangladesh's garment industry.

"There is an important opportunity for industry and labour, for government and the civil society...to work together to improve the labour situation and continue to boost the Bangladesh's economy," she said after the meeting.

She arrived in Dhaka on Saturday for a three-day visit, her first since she took over as Assistant Secretary of State on Oct 21, to discuss global, regional, and bilateral priorities with the government, opposition, labour, and civil society leaders.

Hasina-Mozena meet!

Human Rights Report: Ambassador US to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena on 26 November 2013 met



Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina amid the ongoing political crisis over the next national election, sources say.

According to various sources the US envoy met Prime Minster Sheikh Hasina at her office on 26 November 2013

Vitamin B **Supplements May**

Reduce Stroke Risk Taking vitamin B supplements may help reduce the risk of stroke, a new review suggests. Researchers looked at 14 clinical trials involving nearly 50,000 participants, and found that people who took vitamin B had a 7 pernoon. Mozena also had his launch there.

However, the reasons and the outcomes of the meeting yet

Speculation is that Mozena met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as a courtesy visit after the two countries signed the much-talked about Trade and

Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (TICFA). Acting Deputy United States Trade Representative (USTR) Wendy Cutler and Bangladesh Commerce Secretary Mahbub Ahmed signed TICFA on behalf of their respective sides on 24 November 2013.

cent decreased risk of stroke compared with people who took a placebo.

However, among those who did have strokes, taking vitamin B supplements did not appear to affect the severity of strokes or the risk of dying from a stroke, according to the study, published Sept. 18 in the journal Neurology.



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