

Bangladesh split over President's fate :
BNP opposes bid to oust Shahabuddin

DHAKA (AGENCY)

Bangladesh is heading towards another crisis as some of the key functionaries of the interim government, led by Nobel peace prize winner Muhammad Yunus, seem to be working on a plan to remove President Mohammed Shahabuddin even as the BNP, the country's main Opposition party for over 15 years, is opposing any such move. The last 72 hours witnessed a public discourse in Dhaka — led by a group of students and some important members of the Yunus regime — on Shahabuddin's removal after veteran journalist Matiar Rahman Chowdhury wrote in a signed article that the President told him that he had not received any resignation letter from former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who left the country in the face of a popular uprising on August 5. The claim — willy-nilly questioning the legitimacy of the interim regime — drew sharp reactions from the interim government as Asif Nazrul, law adviser to



Yunus, accused the President of lying, suggesting that his statement constituted a breach of his oath of office, triggering a demand for Shahabuddin's resignation. On Tuesday, hundreds of protesters gathered around Bangabhaban, the official residence of the Bangladesh President, demanding his removal and bringing back memories of the August revolution that brought

down the Hasina regime. The protests, however, fizzled out as the police and the armed forces brought the situation under control. As Hasnat Abdullah Sarjis Alam, two of the top leaders of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, intervened and asked the protesters to leave the area — instead of egging them on to take on the law enforcers — several theories on their actions

have begun doing the rounds in Dhaka. "The student leaders have been unequivocally against the president as he was elected by the Hasina regime. They had plans to force him to resign by organising street protests and had given the call for a gathering outside Bangabhaban to fulfil their plan," said a source. According to the source, two top student leaders and a senior adviser to Yunus

had even held a meeting with a senior member of the judiciary on Tuesday with a proposal to make him the President. Removal of the President, with a plan to change the chief of army staff Waker-uz-Zaman thereafter, are the two major targets that the student leaders — who cut their teeth in politics in Jamaat-e-Islami's student wing — have set for themselves before changing the country's Constitution, said the source. "The blueprint had the blessings of Hefazat-e-Islam, a far-Right Islamic advocacy group and Hizb ut-Tahrir, which aims to establish an Islamic Caliphate and implement Sharia globally," said the source. "Their plan, however, went awry, at least for the time being, for two reasons... First, they didn't get enough people on the ground, which reflected the growing discontent with the student leaders. Then, the army came to protect Bangabhaban, which prompted a re-think among the student leaders and they dispersed," said a veteran journalist, who has lost his job and got implicated.

Trash carried by North Korean
balloon again falls on
presidential compound in Seoul

SEOUL (AGENCY)

Trash carried by a North Korean balloon fell on the presidential compound in central Seoul on Thursday in a second case raising concerns about the vulnerability of key South Korean sites during potential North Korean aggression. The incident comes after the rival Koreas ramped up threats and rhetoric against each other over North Korea's claims that South Korea flew drones over its capital Pyongyang to scatter propaganda leaflets this month. No dangerous items were found in the rubbish that was dropped on the ground when one of the North Korean balloons burst over the South Korean presidential compound on Thursday morning. South Korea's presidential security service said in a statement. North Korea has sent thousands of balloons carrying bags of rubbish like plastic and paper waste into South Korea since late May in a resumption of a Cold War-style psychological campaign. The trash that fell on the South Korean presidential compound in



July contained no hazardous materials as well. It wasn't immediately known whether South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol was at the compound during the latest incident. Later Thursday, he met visiting Polish President Andrzej Duda at his office. South Korean media reported that North Korean leaflets criticising Yoon and his wife Kim Keon Hee were found on Thursday in Seoul's Yongsan district, where Yoon's presidential office is located. Media published photos of some leaflets that described Kim as a litter-day Marie Antoinette, the queen who was beheaded in 1793 during the French Revolution. The reports said

it was the first time that North Korean propaganda leaflets have been found in South Korea since the North began its balloon campaign five months ago. The South Korean presidential security service didn't immediately confirm the report. Experts say North Korea likely lacks sophisticated technology to drop balloons on specific targets. "Whether the balloons have GPS or not, it's all about launching them in large numbers and hitting the right altitude based on wind direction and speed, so that they can ride those winds to travel," Lee Choon Geun, an honorary research fellow at South Korea's Science and Technology,

Israel names 6 Al Jazeera
reporters as Gaza militants,
network condemns
'unfounded allegations'

JERUSALEM (AGENCY)

The Israeli military named on Wednesday six Palestinian Al Jazeera reporters in Gaza it said were also members of the Hamas or Islamic Jihad militant groups, an allegation which the Qatari network rejected as an attempt to silence journalists. "Al Jazeera condemns Israeli accusations against its journalists in Gaza and warns against (this) being a justification for targeting them," the network said in a statement. The Israeli military published documents which it said it had found in Gaza that proved the men had a military affiliation to the groups. Reuters was not able to immediately verify the authenticity of the documents. The Israeli military said the papers included Hamas and Islamic Jihad lists of personnel details, salaries and militant training courses, phone directories and injury reports. "These documents serve as proof of the integration of Hamas terrorists within the Qatari Al Jazeera media network," the military said. Al Jazeera said that "The Network views these fabricated accusations as a blatant attempt to silence the few remaining journalists in the region, thereby obscuring the harsh realities of the war from audiences worldwide." The Committee to Protect

Journalists' Middle East programme said on X that the allegations amounted to the smearing of Palestinian journalists "with unsubstantiated 'terrorist' labels". Israel has long accused Al Jazeera of being a Hamas mouthpiece and over the past year its authorities have ordered it to shut down its operations for security reasons, raided its offices, and confiscated



equipment. Al Jazeera said the Israeli actions against it were criminal, draconian and irresponsible and that the latest allegations were "part of a wider pattern of hostility" towards it. The network says it has no affiliation with militant groups and has accused Israeli forces of deliberately killing several of its journalists in the Gaza war, including Samer Abu Daqqa and Hamza Aidahdooh. Israel says it does not target journalists. Qatar established Al Jazeera in 1996 and sees the network as a way to bolster its global profile. Along with Egypt and the United States it has mediated ceasefire negotiations between Israel

Emmanuel Macron says France will provide 100
million-euro aid package to support Lebanon

PARIS (AGENCY)

France pledged to provide a 100-million euro (USD 108-million) package to support Lebanon at an international conference Thursday, as President Emmanuel Macron said "massive aid" is needed to support the country where war between Hezbollah militants and Israel has displaced a million people, killed over 2,500 and deepened an economic crisis. "In the immediate term, massive aid is needed for the Lebanese population, both for the hundreds of thousands of people displaced by the war and for the communities hosting them," Macron said in his opening speech at the conference.

French organisers hope participants' financial pledges of humanitarian aid will meet the USD 426 million the United Nations says is urgently needed. Italy this week announced new aid of 10 million euros (USD 10.8 million) and Germany on Wednesday pledged an additional 60 million euros (USD 64.7 million) for people in Lebanon. Macron condemned Israel for continuing its military operations in Lebanon, "in the South, in Beirut, elsewhere, and that the number of civilian victims continues to rise," and reiterated his call for a ceasefire. Paris also seeks to help restore Lebanon's sovereignty and strengthen its institutions. The country, where Hezbollah effectively operates as a state within a state, has been without a president for two years

while political factions fail to agree on a new one. But the international conference comes as critics say French President Emmanuel Macron's diplomatic approach in the



Middle East has been blurred by his apparent evolving approach and sometimes chaotic communication. Still, France's historic links with Lebanon, a former colony, and its influential diplomacy give Paris momentum to coordinate "a proper response to the massive challenge that the war in Lebanon now poses," said Middle East expert Rym Montaz, editor in chief of Carnegie Europe's blog Strategic Europe. The French "are trying to make sure that international donors get to hear firsthand from the actors on the ground in Lebanon who can best describe the most immediate needs caused by the Israeli aggression that has forcibly displaced 20% of the Lebanese population over the course of two weeks," she said. Israel in the past month has launched a major aerial

bombardment and ground invasion of Lebanon as it targets Hezbollah, with strikes hitting the capital, Beirut, and elsewhere. The International Organization for Migration has said about

800,000 people are displaced, with many now in overcrowded shelters, while others have fled across the border into Syria. The cash-strapped Lebanese government is ill-prepared to deal with the crisis or the increased demands on its health system. A number of hospitals have been evacuated because of nearby airstrikes and fears that they might be targeted. In recent weeks, Macron appeared to toughen his stance against Israel while repeatedly calling for a cease-fire in both Lebanon and Gaza, condemning the "unbearable human toll." He reiterated his call on Monday while speaking by phone with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his office said. There have been recent tensions between the French and Israeli leaders, especially after Macron called for a

halt to arms exports for use in Gaza. Macron has also strongly condemned the "deliberate" targeting by Israel of UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon, which Israel has denied. Thursday's conference involves ministers and officials from over 70 countries and international organisations, including the European Union and regional partners. Macron's office said Acting Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati, who met with Macron on Wednesday, will attend. France also aims at coordinating international support to strengthen Lebanon's armed forces so they can "deploy more broadly and efficiently" in the country's south as part of a potential deal to end the war. Such a deal could see Hezbollah withdraw its forces from the border. International support may include equipment, training and financial aid to hire troops and ensure the army's daily needs, Macron's office said. Lebanon's army has been hit hard by five years of economic crisis. It has an aging arsenal and no air defences, leaving it in no position to defend against Israeli incursions or confront Hezbollah. The Lebanese army has about 80,000 troops, around 5,000 of them deployed in the south. Hezbollah has more than 100,000 fighters, according to the militant group's late leader, Hassan Nasrallah. The militant group's arsenal - built with support from Iran - is more advanced.

'How could you betray me? How
you could let these men into my
room?': Gisèle to ex-husband

FRANCE (AGENCY)

Like most days at the courthouse in Avignon, France, Gisèle Pelicot arrived to the cheers of a crowd of mostly female supporters on Wednesday. "I express neither my anger nor my shame," she told the court, taking the stand again in a trial that has gripped France and sparked deep discussions about sexual violence and the definition of rape in the criminal code. "I am expressing a desire to change society." For weeks, she remained silent as one



defendant after another spoke before the judges. Some 51 men are on trial, most charged with aggravated rape against Gisèle Pelicot, a 71-year-old grandmother who prosecutors say was drugged repeatedly by her husband of 50 years and then served up to the men.

Colorado's highest court may decide if
elephants should have same rights as people

DENVER (AGENCY)

Missy, Kimba, Lucky, LouLou, and Jambo have lived in Colorado Springs for decades in the elephant exhibit at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Now an animal rights group is trying to release the elephants from what they say is essentially a prison for such highly intelligent and social animals known to roam for miles a day in the wild. Colorado's highest court will hear arguments Thursday on whether the older African female elephants should be legally able to challenge their captivity under a long-held process used by prisoners to dispute their detention. The animal rights group NonHuman Rights Project says the animals are languishing while "unlawfully confined" at the zoo, and wants them released to an

unspecified elephant sanctuary. "They are suffering immensely and unneces-



sarily. Without judicial intervention, they are doomed to suffer day after day, year after year, for the rest of their lives," a lawyer for the group, Jake Davis, said in a May brief submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court. The main legal issue is whether or not

the elephants are considered persons under the law, and therefore able to pur-

sue a petition of habeas corpus challenging their detention. The NonHuman Rights project argues that legal personhood is not limited to humans. The lawsuit is similar to an unsuccessful one the group filed challenging the confinement of an elephant named Happy

at the Bronx Zoo in 2022. New York's Court of Appeals ruled that Happy, while intelligent and deserving of compassion, cannot be considered a person illegally confined with the ability to pursue a petition seeking release. The New York ruling said giving such rights to an elephant "would have an enormous destabilising impact on modern society" and change how humans interact with animals. The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo says moving the elephants and potentially placing them with new animals would be cruel at their age, potentially causing them unnecessary stress. It says they are not used to being in larger herds and, based on its experience, they do not have the skills or desire to join them. In a statement ahead of Thursday's hearing,

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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS
FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**
(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. NO.	PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED			YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024 AUDITED
		30.09.2024 UNAUDITED	30.09.2023 UNAUDITED	30.06.2024 UNAUDITED	
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	5,431.28	4,814.42	4,104.68	21,102.89
2	Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional and tax	53.03	15.10	(695.22)	37.39
3	Exceptional items	-	-	-	-
4	*Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax	53.03	15.10	1,009.03	37.39
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	48.75	9.15	671.08	463.19
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income(after tax)]	57.46	12.89	670.39	480.91
7	Equity Share Capital	2,149.81	2,149.81	2,149.81	2,149.81
8	Other equity (Reserves)	-	-	-	5,764.83
9	Earnings Per Equity Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)- Basic (Rs) Diluted (Rs)	0.23 0.23	0.04 0.04	3.12 3.12	2.15 2.15

Notes:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended Sept 30, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid quarterly and year ended Financial Results are available on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com), NSE (www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website: www.ttlimited.co.in
2 These Unaudited Financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on Oct 24, 2024.

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