

# City corporation CEO removed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), AFM Solaiman Chowdhury, was removed from his post yesterday following some of his controversial acts.

He was replaced by Habibur Rahman, a joint secretary at the ministry of agriculture. Previously, Habib served as additional CMM in Dhaka and DC of Narayanganj, official sources said.

DCC sources said Solaiman Chowdhury, who was DC of Feni during the caretaker government, joined the

DCC a few months back.

His promotion to the post of joint secretary was also clouded in controversy, sources said.

They said majority of the DCC officials also launched a campaign against him for his alleged misbehaviour, leading to a deadlock in the DCC.

The prime minister, who also received complaints against Solaiman, asked the authorities to remove him and approved the appointment of Habibur Rahman as CEO yesterday, sources said.



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Sammilita Sangskritik Jote Secretary General Golam Quddus addresses a press conference at the Reporters Unity auditorium yesterday.

## SSJ Victory Day programmes

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Sammilita Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) yesterday announced a four-day programme to celebrate the Victory Day.

Noted artist of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra Ajit Roy will inaugurate the programme at the Central Shaheed Minar on December 13.

This was announced by the jote leaders at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium.

Speaking on the occasion, Golam Quddus, secretary general of the jote, said they want to celebrate the day throughout the country in a befitting manner.

"We have taken an elaborate programme to mark the occasion although crisis prevails in the country's cultural arena," he added.

"Cultural activities have come to a standstill as progressive cultural organisations are deprived of government fund and their activists neglected

in state functions," Quddus alleged.

"We want to disseminate the true history of our liberation war to the current generation through our programme," he noted.

The programme includes songs, recitation, drama and film show.

Jote Joint Secretary Hasan Arif, Organising Secretary Afzal Hossain and member of the executive committee Jhuna Chowdhury were present.

The jote will bring out a colorful victory day procession on December 16 from the Central Shaheed Minar at 10.00am.

Six stages will be set up across the city where programmes will be held.

Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of the jote, was made the convenor of the

victory day celebration committee while Asaduzzaman Nur and Mamunur Rashid were made joint convenors.

Eleven sub-committees were also formed to make the programme a success.

## Dhaka Wasa installs eight tubewells

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Dwasa) have installed four deep tubewells and reinstalled another four at different places of the city to meet the increasing demand for water.

The installation of tubewells has enabled the Dhaka Wasa to supply additional 2.75 crore litres water daily.

The four tubewells were installed in the city's Narinda, Rayerbazar and Khilbari areas and at Godnail in Narayanganj.

And four others were reinstalled at Kaptanbazar, Bangabhaban, Uttara and Badda areas, said a press release on Wednesday.

## 6 extortionists arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Team (RAT) of police arrested six people in Abdullahpur and Mirpur areas when they were extorting money from the staff of passenger vehicles.

Members of two RAT teams posing as passengers caught four toll collectors in Abdullahpur and two others in Mirpur.

Police also seized Tk 855 from the possession of the extortionists.

The arrestees are Liton Das, AKM Luthful Karim, Nasir, Subhhash Das, Abdul Hakim and Mohammad Sohel.