

### Three secretaries transferred

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The government yesterday transferred three secretaries and extended the contractual appointment of another one.

Secretary of the Local Government Division AHM Abul Kashem was made a member of the

Planning Commission. Water Resources Secretary SM Zahurul Islam replaced him.

Rajuk Chairman Shahid Alam was transferred to the Ministry of Water Resources as acting secretary. Newly promoted Md Fazlur Rahman was made the secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Food.

Public Works and Housing Secretary Iqbal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury's contract has been extended by another year.

Meanwhile, Dhaka College Principal Mariam Begum who is to go on LPR (leave preparatory to retirement) on January 8, has been appointed to the same post on a two-year contract.

### Slain man in Afghanistan not Bangladeshi

UNB, Dhaka

The Foreign Ministry yesterday confirmed that Mir Wais who was gunned down at a mosque in Helmand province of Afghanistan on Monday was not a Bangladeshi.

Some news agencies reported from Kandahar that the slain man was a Bangladeshi.

Bangladesh Ambassador based in Tashkent who is concurrently accredited to Afghanistan took up the matter with Afghan authorities to ascertain the authenticity of the report.

After thorough investigations Afghan authorities officially informed him that Mir Wais was not a Bangladeshi. He was found to be an Afghan.

However, one Fazlul Haq holding Bangladesh Passport no.W0749961, died in an accident. He was an employee of a Korean company, SAMWHAN Corporation. He was working as a Laboratory Technician Helper of the company.

A piece of heavy stone fell on him from a hilltop while he was inspecting the construction of a project. He was rushed to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. His body will be sent in to Bangladesh soon at the company's expense.

The Bangladesh Ambassador requested the company to give "adequate compensation" to the family of late Fazlul Haq.

### Tower Hamlet Council team calls on PM

UNB, Dhaka

A three-member delegation of Tower Hamlet Council, led by its Mayor Doros Ullah, made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

Other members of the delegation are Abdus Shukur, deputy

leader of Tower Hamlet

Council, and Ohid Ahmed, a cabinet member of the council.

The delegation lauded development in various sectors, particularly in infrastructure, health and education in Bangladesh.

Congratulating for their

election and involvement in the local government system of the UK, Khaleda urged the delegation members to help enhance Bangladesh's image by their activities and also portray the home country's culture and heritage whenever they get the scope.

She told them to beware that the new generation of Bangladesh origin does not become isolated from the Bangladesh's tradition and culture.

The Tower Hamlet Council delegation is in the capital for last two weeks at the invitation of Dhaka city mayor.