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Rules bent to appoint ex-PDB boss as power secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Violating promotion rules and ignoring opposition from the Cabinet Division, the government on Monday appointed Power Development Board (PDB) Chairman ANH Akhtar Hossain as secretary-in-charge of Power Division of the energy ministry on contract.

New EC members throw weight behind CEC

Mahfuz terms HC directive unlawful; Zakaria calls two other commissioners illiterate

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The two new election commissioners on the very first day in office yesterday openly sided with the CEC, with one of them terming the High Court's directive for revising the existing voter list unlawful and beyond its jurisdiction.

comply with it. "Since the judgement is not lawful, the question of compliance does not arise," he said.

support for Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz by avoiding the customary courtesy calls on Munsef and Mohammad, who are opposed to the CEC's unilateral move for preparing a fresh electoral roll.

Munsef and Mohammad, and had been alone until Monday, has now gained a one-member majority in the EC with the new two colleagues.

DRAFT MANPOWER EXPORT POLICY It takes two years just to discuss it

RAFIQ HASAN

The government has spent about two years just discussing the draft of a comprehensive manpower export policy while over 2.5 lakh Bangladeshis go abroad for jobs every year.

today to discuss the draft policy." The policy is at its final stage and it will be formally announced very soon following inclusion of the views expressed at tomorrow's (today's) sub-committee meeting," said a high official of the expatriate welfare ministry.

Ctg arms cache was for Ulfa Claims the defence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Ten truckloads of arms and ammunition, seized on April 2, 2004 at the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited (CUFL), were smuggled in for the rebels of the United Liberation Front of Assam (Ulfa), claimed a defence lawyer in the arms smuggling case filed in connection with the haul, during a hearing yesterday.



Most of the state-run BRTC busses are in worn out condition due to lack of proper maintenance. This particular bus that runs on Gulistan-Gabtolli route suffers heavily from the wear and tear of daily operations with all its seats torn.

CTG COURT BLAST Court order to submit fresh charge sheet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday did not accept the charge sheet in a case filed for November 29 suicide blast on the Chittagong court premises, following objections from the public prosecutor (PP).

Barapukuria power plant starts trial production

Supplies 60MW to national grid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Barapukuria 250MW Power Plant, first ever coal-based plant in the country, went into trial production last Monday, with one of its two units contributing 60MW electricity to the national grid, power plant sources said.

full operation from next month as the other unit of it is also expected to be commissioned in February, the sources said.

Judges ask govt to meet demands by Jan 29

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Lower court judges yesterday gave an ultimatum to the government and vowed to go for tougher movement if the government does not meet all of their demands by January 29.

Charges couldn't be framed against Sunny, others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court could not frame charges against the military commander of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Ataur Rahman Sunny and six others in two cases as two accused, including Sunny, were not produced before it yesterday.

Bandarban Rohingyas get into voter roll

MONIRUL ISLAM MONU, Bandarban

The Rohingyas from Myanmar living illegally in different areas of Bandarban are being included in the fresh voter list, violating orders of the Election Commission and home ministry.

areas including Naikkhongchhari, Alikadam, Lama, Roangchhari and Sadar upazila for long like Bangladeshi citizens and it is very difficult for the enumerators to identify them.

Pirates loot 3 firearms from forest outpost

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Pirates looted three firearms and some ammunition from a forest outpost at Haldibunia in the Sundarbans early yesterday and demanded Tk 3 lakh for their return.

CTG PORT 'ARMS' Probe on, cops seize 10 trucks for search

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police on Monday night held 10 of the 20 trucks that had left the restricted area of Chittagong Port with imported cargo of a consignment, which was suspected as carrying more "replica weapons".

Fear, rejoice at EC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The appointment of SM Zakaria as an election commissioner has been greeted with disappointment by many in the Election Commission (EC) Secretariat while sending the camp loyal to Zakaria into triumphant celebrations.

ment. They, however, did not submit any application for the amount, sources said.

Tullow sees huge oil reserve around St Martin's Island

UNB, Dhaka

Tullow Oil, an Irish oil and gas exploration and production company, sees an immense potential of having huge oil reserve in Bangladesh, particularly in and around St Martin's Island in Cox's Bazar.

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