



(From left) Prof Anisuzzaman, Adviser to the caretaker government Mahabubul Alam and author of five books Muhammad Zamir hold copies of books at the publication ceremony in the city yesterday.

Transfer order of 4 secretaries cancelled

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The caretaker government (CG) on Wednesday cancelled one of its transfer orders asking four secretaries to stay at their previous ministries.

According to an establishment ministry circular issued on December 11, SM Zafar Ullah of housing and public works ministry was swapped with AK Motaher Hossain of Hill Tracts affairs ministry, while Lutfar Rahman Talukder of land ministry was swapped with AFM Matur Rahman of rural development and cooperatives division.

5 BOOKS OF MUHAMMAD ZAMIR LAUNCHED

Contribution of newspaper columnist praised

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Opinion-editorial writers in the South Asian region need to have more exchange of views in order to create public opinion on crucial issues, such as governance, anti-corruption issue and terrorism, said eminent author Muhammad Zamir at a book launching ceremony yesterday.

Not only the staff correspondents but also the columnists, who contribute to the formation of opinions, should exchange views through workshops in the region as well as globally, he said.

Muhammad Zamir, also former secretary and ambassador, was speaking at the launching ceremony of his five books at the Radius Centre of Bay's Galleria in the city.

The books are 'Reflections on Bangladesh, South Asia and certain socio-economic issues', 'Reflections on Governance and National Security in Bangladesh', 'Reflections on the dynamics of International Affairs' (volume 1 and volume 2) and a Bangla book 'Jatiya Antorjatik Rajniti Gotimukh' (trends of national and international politics).

Adviser to information, religion and water resources ministries Mahabubul Alam, Professor Anisuzzaman and The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam also spoke at the programme attended by foreign diplomats and journalists.

"We are blessed in Bangladesh because we have a very free press and numerous television channels," said Muhammad Zamir, who writes on national and international politics, economics, trade and other issues in at least 11 renowned magazines published at home and abroad.

Lauding Muhammad Zamir's intellectual skills, Adviser

Mahabubul Alam, who was the chief guest of the programme, said one has to be a genius to launch five books in one evening.

"Muhammad Zamir is a very charming person who is always willing to help others," he said, adding that Zamir is very quick and has an analytical mind and at the same time he is versatile in his knowledge on issues like governance, politics and international affairs.

"I have met a very few people who can talk with so much confidence and logic the way Zamir does," said Mahabubul Alam. Very few retired government officials write, but not regularly; Zamir, however, is an exception, he noted.

Mahabubul Alam expressed his hope that Muhammad Zamir will continue to write and contribute in the field of international relations.

Speaking about one of the books, Professor Anisuzzaman said Zamir explained the issue of national security from a different perspective.

Zamir explained that raising the living standard of people and ensuring their fundamental rights can help protect the national security, said Prof Anisuzzaman.

Paying tribute to the author for his personal charm and intellectual ability, Mahfuz Anam said Muhammad Zamir's grasp on international affairs and his analytical ability is very special.

Expressing gratitude for regularly writing for The Daily Star, Anam said his columns helped the readers of The Daily Star to be better informed.

Publisher of the books Karunangshu Barua Debu of Nymphaea Publication and Chief Executive Officer of Radius Centre Salahuddin Imam also spoke.