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Gen Mustafiz's tenure likely to be extended

By M Anwarul Haq

The government is seriously considering extension of tenure for Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Pratik, according to well-placed sources.

The extension of service by one year will make the incumbent army chief's tenure in office four years, which has been the usual length in most cases.

Mustafiz was appointed Chief of Army Staff in December 1997 for a three-year term, which expires on December 23.

A freedom fighter on the Engineering Corps of Bangladesh Army, Mustafiz, 59, who hails from Rangpur, happens to be an uncle of the prime minister.

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JS Session Four bills likely to be placed

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsads may consider four new and ten pending bills during its 20th session beginning Thursday. The upcoming session may continue till November 23, official sources said.

The Business Advisory Committee of the parliament is expected to finalise other businesses and the duration of the session at a meeting on the day the session commences.

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UP chairman gunned down in Kushtia

Police exchange fire with miscreants, kill 4

From IU Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Nov 5: A Union Parishad Chairman was gunned down by miscreants and four others were killed in an exchange of fire between police and the gang at Jhaodia in Islamic University (IU) thana this afternoon.

The chairman was identified as Khalber Ali Biswas, 45, of Jhaodia Union Parishad. Identity of the four others could not be known immediately.

The gang stormed into the UP chairman's office and shot him dead at about 1 pm.

On hearing the news, police rushed to the spot and chased them. At one stage, the miscreants opened fire on police, who returned the fire. Four persons were killed in the shootout.

A gang member with bullet wounds was arrested.

Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police visited the spot. The duty officer at IU police station confirmed the incident but failed to give details.

Police recovered a sawn-off rifle and a shutter gun from the possession of the miscreants.

Spl police drive to harass the innocent?

By Shaikh Nazrul Islam

Police failed to arrest any of the listed notorious criminals since the launching of a special drive in the country on October 22, sources concerned said.

None of the accused in any of the sensational murder cases could be arrested.

But there are allegations that they picked up innocent people and released them after taking money.

A son of a joint news editor of a national daily was picked up along with his four friends while they were returning from a computer school at Dharmundi in the city. He was released following request. The others were released on payment of Tk 1500 each.

Kotwali police arrested one Abdul Hannan from Nowabpur Road and released him after taking money, sources claimed.

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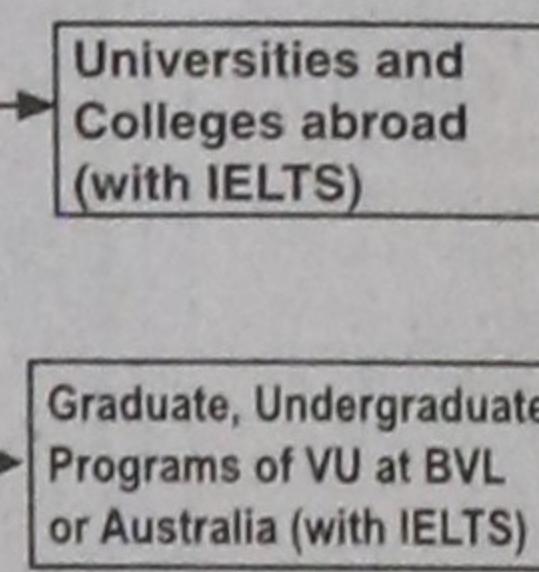
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