

Life-sketch of General Hasan Mashhud

The government has appointed Major General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, awc, psc as the new Chief of Army Staff with effect from June 16.

Born in Sylhet on September 9, 1948, he was commissioned in the then Pakistan Army on April 20, 1969.



A graduate of Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur, General Mashhud attended the Army War Course at the United States Army War College, Pennsylvania. He also obtained Masters Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

General Mashhud held various command, staff and instructional appointments. He was the Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army, Area Commander, Bogra Area and General Officer Commanding of

11 Infantry Division.

He was also a Commandant of National Defence College, Defence Services Command and Staff College, and School of Infantry and Tactics. He commanded 3 Brigades and served as Directing Staff at Defence Services Command and Staff College. He also commanded the Bangladesh Contingent in Saudi Arabia and received King Abdul Aziz Medal.

Prior to his appointment as Chief of Army Staff, General Mashhud was Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

He will assume his new responsibility on June 16 and his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General will be effective from the same date.

General Mashhud is a father of two sons, says an ISPR press release.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Jahanara Masud, wife of Masud Khan, a businessman and former student leader, will be held tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at her residence at Road-30, House-17, Sector-7, Uttara after Juma prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.



The Shishu Adhikar Forum staged a drama as part of the children assembly at the Engineers' Institute auditorium in the city yesterday. The Forum organised the function to mark the World Day against Child Labour.

US envoy visits National Museum

BSS, Dhaka
The US Ambassador to Bangladesh, Mary Anne Peters visited the Bangladesh National Museum yesterday.

The Director General of the museum, Dr. Ifukhar-ul-Awal, and senior members of the staff cordially received her at the museum, said a press release.

The Director General briefed the Ambassador about the museum and its various activities. She was then taken round the different galleries.

She was presented with some publications of the museum and a replica of terracotta plaque of 18th century Bengal.

Infantry battalion of Bangladesh to join UNAMSIL

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh is sending a 776-member infantry battalion to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) to replace another infantry battalion of Bangladesh Army.

A 167-member advance party led by Colonel SH Salahuddin left Dhaka for Sierra Leone Tuesday night by a UN chartered aircraft. Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Maj Gen SM Ikramul Haque saw them off.

Other members of the infantry battalion will reach Sierra Leone from June 13 to 19 under the ar-

rangements of United Nations.

Besides the army troops five military staff of different ranks of Sierra Leone Force Headquarters and a seven-member delegation of Bangladesh Army left Dhaka for Sierra Leone in the same plane.

The delegation under the command of Maj Gen Abul Hosain will observe the operational activities of Bangladesh contingent in Sierra Leone.

At present, a total of 4,271 members of Bangladesh Army are deployed in United Nations Assistance Mission in Sierra Leone, said an ISPR press release yesterday.

Four alleged smugglers held

BSS, Dhaka

The Coast Guard of Chittagong Zone yesterday arrested four alleged smugglers from an engine boat at the Chittagong Port with 72,000 kg of salt.

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