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Govt staff to get salaries with arrears in June

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Government employees will start getting salaries and arrears under the new pay scale from June 1 when they draw their salaries for the month of May, sources said.

A special cabinet meeting on April 30 will make a final decision on the new scale and an announcement will come in the first week of May.

Sources said the new pay scale will take retrospective effect from January this year and the arrears will be disbursed in June.

A secretary committee finalised recommendations of the new pay commission yesterday morning. Later in the afternoon, Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman briefed the prime minister on the

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Judge Faizee's Bar certificate cancelled

Bar Council decides to file criminal case against him for furnishing false info

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bar Council in an unprecedented move Sunday cancelled the enrolment certificate of High Court Additional Judge Faisal Mahmud Faizee for providing false information during enrolment and his failure to disprove the allegation about his LLB exam result.

The Council, statutory body of legal practitioners, at a meeting also decided to file a criminal case against him for giving false information in the affidavit he submitted when he had applied for Bar Council's certificate to practise law

as an advocate.

The Bar Council criticised the decision of the chief justice (CJ) to reinstate Faizee in his judicial tasks in the High Court bench and decided to request the CJ to withdraw him.

Vice Chairman of Bar Council Barrister Rakanuddin Mahmud yesterday informed the press about the decisions taken at the meeting he had chaired. The attorney general, ex-officio chairman of the council, did not attend the meeting, as he was indisposed.

The Council took the decision in accordance with Section 62 (5) of

The Bangladesh Legal Practitioners and Bar Council Order and Rules, which empowers the council to suspend or revoke enrolment of an advocate.

When a lawyer becomes an additional judge, his certificate of enrolment issued by the Bar Council remains withheld.

The High Court on March 21 convicted reporters, editors and publishers of two Bangla dailies for running reports on the alleged doctoring of LLB results of Faizee, one of the 19 additional judges whose appointment last year drew

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HC order against Shahidur's removal stayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for six months a High Court (HC) order that had earlier declared void the president's order removing HC additional judge Syed Shahidur Rahman from his office.

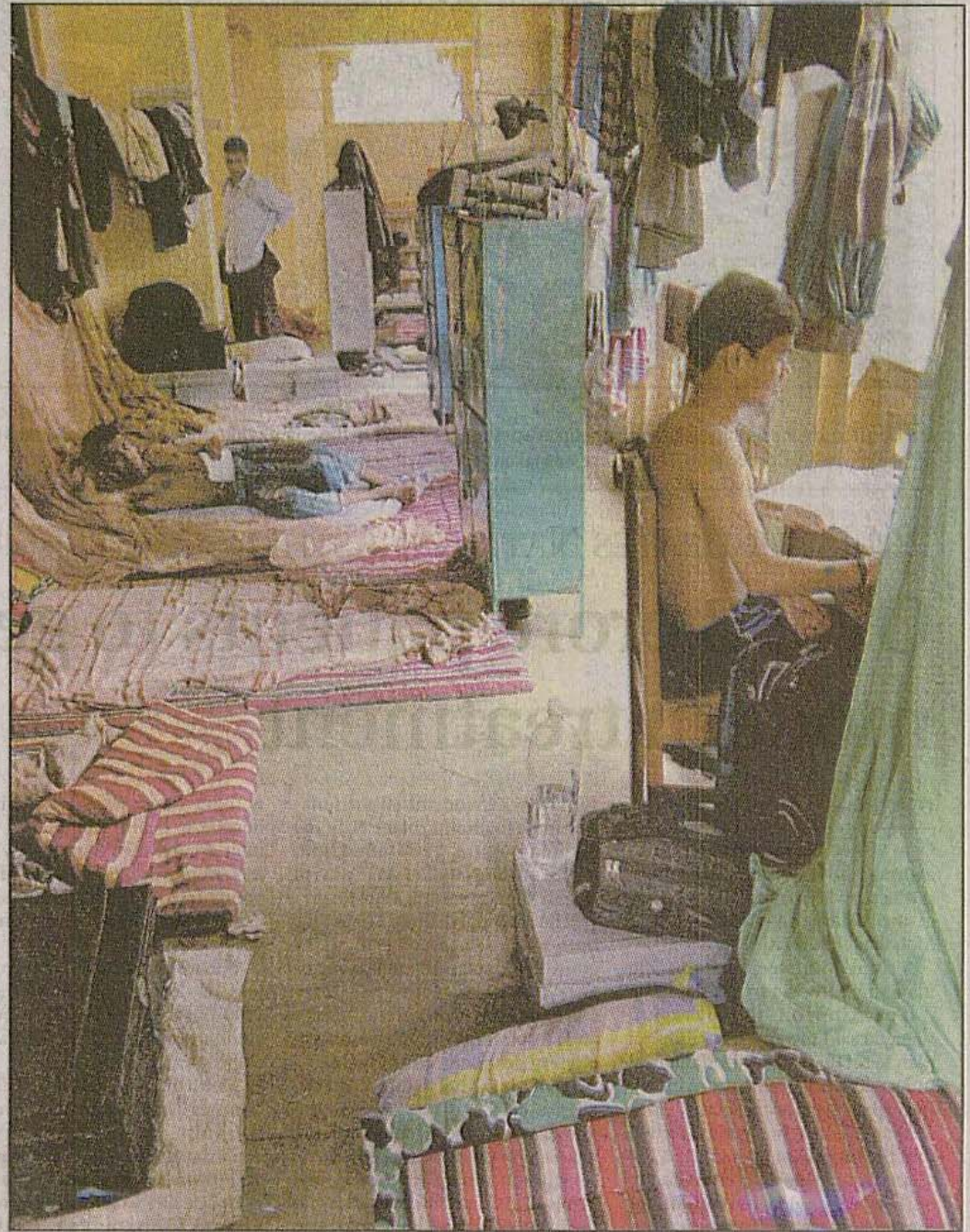
The five-member bench of the Appellate Division led by Chief Justice Syed JR Mudassar Husain passed the order granting the leave to appeal filed by Advocate Idrisur Rahman against the High Court order.

The president in line with the recommendation of the Supreme Judicial Council removed Shahidur on charge of bail fixing on April 20 last year.

On hearing a writ petition filed by Syed Shahidur Rahman challenging the validity of the president's order, a HC bench declared the removal illegal on February 2.

Dr Kamal Hossain assisted by

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Students of Dhaka University's Salimullah Muslim Hall reside in the corridor as authorities failed to allocate room for them. The photo was taken on April 23.

57 dead, over 440 hurt in Japan train crash

AFP, AP, Amagasaki

At least 57 people were killed and more than 440 others injured yesterday when a packed commuter train jumped the tracks and hurtled into an apartment complex in western Japan in the deadliest Japanese rail accident in four decades, firefighters said.

"We have confirmed the deaths of 28 males and 25 women," said a spokesman for the fire department in Amagasaki after three bodies were pulled out of the rubble.

A spokesman for Hyogo prefecture police said more than 440 people were injured.

Four carriages were derailed in the collision, with one carriage smashed into the side of the apartment building and another wedged beside it, according to the railway operator JR West.

It was Japan's worst accident since November 1963 when 161 people died in Yokohama near Tokyo

when a freight train collided with a truck and was then hit by two passenger trains from opposite directions.

The seven-car commuter train was carrying 580 passengers when it jumped the tracks, wrecking an automobile in its path before slamming into a nine-story apartment complex just yards away. Two of the four derailed cars were flattened against the wall of the building, and hundreds of rescue workers and police swarmed the wreckage and tended to the injured.

The cause of the crash in an urban area near Amagasaki, about 395km west of Tokyo, was not immediately known, but survivors said excessive speed may have been a factor. Attention focused on the inexperienced, 23-year-old driver.

"There was a violent shaking, and the next moment I was thrown to the floor... and I landed on top of a pile of other people," passenger Tatsuya

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Indian deputy HC points at dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The existing misunderstanding between Bangladesh and India should be resolved through dialogue as Delhi is always eager to maintain good relations with Dhaka, an Indian diplomat said yesterday.

"Isolated problems in the border areas are not unusual as India and Bangladesh share a large border line. But there is a scope of discussion," said S Chakravarti, Indian deputy high commissioner to Bangladesh.

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BSF kills 2 more

Abortive attempts in Comilla to erect fence on no-man's land; BDR DG visits Benapole

UNB, Lalmonirhat

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead two Bangladeshi nationals in Lalmonirhat and Thakurgaon yesterday and on Sunday night, creating tension on the border.

In Lalmonirhat, a BSF patrol party called Uttam Kumar, 25, of Chandrapur village in Kaliganj upazila while he was ploughing land

near border pillar no 1916 yesterday morning.

As Uttam did not respond, the BSF men entered Bangladesh territory, dragged away Uttam and shot him to death on the no man's land at about 11:30am.

Confirming the killing of Uttam, BDR (Bangladesh Rifles) Battalion Commander Lt Col Helal termed the

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Heavy rains soothe city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sudden gusty winds and heavy rainfall yesterday evening brought a welcome relief to residents of the city and its surrounding areas from successive days of hot and humid weather.

Winds speeding up to 96 kilometers per hour, according to meteorological office calculations last night,

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Saifur says no unemployment in country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday claimed that there is no unemployment problem in the country.

"Not unemployment... in many cases, we have more than full employment," Saifur said while exchanging views with members of the Economic Reporters Forum at a pre-budget meeting at his Secretariat office.

The minister made the

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13th SAARC Summit Morshed asks Musharraf to set fresh date

Says India ready to attend meet 'at any convenient time'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday said he has requested Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf to set a date for the 13th Saarc summit to be held in Dhaka after discussions with other member countries.

He made the request after India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh expressed the desire to attend the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) summit at any convenient time.

Pakistan is the current chair of

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Jamaat's rejoinder

Central Publicity Secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Prof Tasneem Alam yesterday protested part of two reports published in The Daily Star on April 20 and 21 under the headlines "Khulna bigots threaten to attack Ahmadiyyas" and "Sathkha Ahmadiyyas under renewed threat". The reports linked local Jamaat leaders to International Khatme Nabuwat Movement, Bangladesh (IKNMB), which was allegedly responsible for attacks on Ahmadiyyas at Jyotindranagar in Shyamnagar upazila of Satkhira for three days since April 17.

Denying Jamaat's involvement in the Khatme Nabuwat's anti-Ahmadiyya campaign, Prof

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