

## 21 officials promoted to secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday promoted 21 additional secretaries to the rank of secretary.

The promoted secretaries are Hedayatul Islam Chowdhury, secretary-in-charge of the local government, rural development and cooperatives ministry, Ehsan Shamim of cultural affairs, Rafiqul Islam of religious affairs, Abdul Alim Khan of land, Abdul Aziz of education, AMM Nasir Uddin of energy and mineral resources, Haidar Ali of women and children affairs, Mahbubur Rahman

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## Special trial planned for Rab offenders

No access for convicts to HC in new rules; 2 separate courts; trial in 1 month; life term maximum punishment

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The draft Rab rules, if passed, will empower the elite force to constitute two kinds of special courts to try the unruly members of the force in a fashion almost identical to court martial.

If a Rab man is convicted, he will

be able to appeal to higher authorities -- inspector general of police (IGP) and the home ministry -- against the verdict in 30 days of the delivery (of the judgement), but will not be allowed to go to any other court of the country for appeal.

The draft rules, if passed, will also stamp the Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) as a unit of the police.

They would bestow on the force the power (of constituting its own courts) that the police do not have.

Sources said the special courts will mainly deal with violation of code of conduct by the Rab members from different disciplinary forces. For criminal offences like murder and rape, the crime-busters

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## Caretaker govt issue not on Tuesday Group meet agenda

Says Canadian envoy STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka David Sproule yesterday formally announced the Tuesday Group's planned international conference in Dhaka with a view to facilitating a free and fair outcome at the next parliamentary elections in Bangladesh.

To avoid any confusion about the conference, the Canadian high commissioner said the issue of the

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## Jhantu no stranger to BNP bigwigs

His interview with Sweden magazine says it all

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Convicted murderer Mohiuddin Ahmed Jhantu was not only an acquaintance of Barrister Moudud Ahmed but also met Khaleda Zia and had regular close contact with Mirza Abbas and Goyeshwar Chandra Roy before his presidential amnesty in January.

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A picture shows Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman standing with Mohiuddin Jhantu (X-marked) and other activists of the Sweden unit BNP during the minister's visit to the country on April 10 this year.

## India's heaviest rain kills 786

Mumbai at near-standstill

AFP, Mumbai

Floods, landslides and building collapses caused by India's heaviest-ever recorded rainfall have killed at least 786 people and brought the financial capital Mumbai to a near-standstill on Thursday, police said.

Weather officials predicted more heavy rain for the city of 15 million, where schools, banks and stock markets were closed and public transport barely operating.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who yesterday toured the rain-ravaged areas in a helicopter,

said he was "deeply pained by this human tragedy" and promised aid for the Maharashtra state government from the national calamity relief fund.

B.M. Kulkarni, who heads Maharashtra state's police emergency control room, told the news agency that 273 people had died in Mumbai and at least 513 in other parts of the state.

He said the death toll rose sharply after more than 160 deaths by drowning were reported in Mumbai.

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## CEC sees no problem now in preparing new voter list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) appears to be backtracking on its earlier legal stance that a fresh voter list cannot be prepared without amending the relevant electoral laws.

Chief Election Commissioner

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## Majority opts for fresh voter list

EC to take decision soon; talks end

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the political parties, including those in power, while taking part in the three-day Election Commission (EC) dialogue favoured a fresh voter list for the next parliamentary election, indicating that the EC will go for a fresh list.

"We will soon take a decision whether we will prepare a fresh voter list, considering the majority's demand," Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz told reporters yesterday at the end of the dialogue on voter list.

The mainstream opposition

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## COMBATING COPS CORRUPTION

### ACC proposes jt team with police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission is pondering over forming a Joint Surveillance Team with members from the ACC and the police to clamp down on corruption of cops.

The team will launch operations without prior notice and have access to different tiers of the police force that are considered potential for corruption.

The ACC yesterday gave the proposal at a closed-door meeting with Inspector General of Police (IGP) Abdul Quyum at the Police Headquarters in Dhaka.

An ACC delegation led by its Commissioner Prof Maniruzzaman Mian attended the meeting. It also proposed formation a committee which will monitor and review the corruption situation every three months.

As there are questions about the role of the police regarding their treatment to people who come to

the police station for filing a case or a general diary (GD), the ACC suggested that a list of GDs and cases filed with every police station should be hung in a notice board and sent to the higher authorities every day.

Prof Maniruzzaman Mian told reporters that people do not have a good impression of the police and it is also related to the country's image. "We discussed why such a situation prevails and what we can do to solve this problem."

He also said the image of the police is not good for different reasons. One of the main reasons is that as a service providing organisation the police have not been able to fulfil people's expectation.

The corruption of police as is seen daily in the streets should also be stopped, said Mian.

Regarding the ACC proposals, the IGP told the reporters, "We will love to act with the ACC as an

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