

Separation of judiciary in sight, at last

Interim govt goes for publication of gazette notifications after a landmark move

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rules ends today.

The newly appointed caretaker government in a landmark move last night published the gazette notifications of four rules relevant to separating the judiciary from the executive.

The

much-expected separation of the judiciary now requires only an amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) as per the 12-point directive of the Supreme Court (SC) given in 1999.

Earlier, President Iajuddin Ahmed, and the newly appointed chief adviser signed the documents of the four rules.

The whole process was done in a hasty move as the Supreme Court (SC) deadline for publishing the gazette notifications of the four

rules ends today.

and establishment secretaries went to the chief adviser's office with all files on the four rules last evening.

Chief Adviser Dr Fakhrudin Ahmed signed the documents and sent them for the president's approval.

Law Secretary Md Alauddin Sarder last night told The Daily Star that after the president had signed the documents, government officials concerned took them to the BG Press for publishing the gazette notifications.

He said the rules have been formulated absolutely in accordance with the SC judgment.

"We are preparing to amend the CrPC also as per the Supreme Court's direction," he said, adding that the task for preparing its draft

Consultant of controversial MRP project to be adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Faiz Khan, who has been selected as one of the new advisers to the caretaker government, served the home ministry as an IT consultant through a controversial appointment allegedly to push through the overpriced Tk 1500 crore machine readable passport (MRP) project to favour the leaders of the 'alternative powerhouse'.

Faiz Khan is a US citizen. Dual citizens are barred from becoming advisers or ministers according to the constitution.

He was given an exceptional tax-free salary for his services to the home ministry because of his US citizenship.

His consultancy failed to make the Tk 1500 crore MRP project successful, as it was so flawed that the cabinet rejected it despite tremendous pressure from the 'alternative powerhouse'.

Reliable home ministry sources told The Daily Star that the young leaders of the alternative powerhouse was seeking huge kickbacks

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taker government headed by Dr Fakhrudin Ahmed.

Three of the newly appointed advisers--former secretary Ayub Quadri, former inspector general of police Anwarul Iqbal and physi-

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(From L-R) former inspector general of police Anwarul Iqbal, Major Gen (retd) Matiur Rahman and former secretary Ayub Quadri being sworn in as advisers to the caretaker government at Bangabhaban yesterday evening.

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More raids, more arrests

Ex-deputy mayor of Chittagong, port union leader held, block raids in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab members searched around 20 houses in Banani in a drive of nearly 3 hours.

The security personnel also nabbed criminals and extortionists and recovered firearms and sharp weapons during the raids in a bid to ensure law and order during the upcoming parliamentary election.

According to a home ministry news release, police and Rab arrested 56 criminals from across the country since January 10, the release added.

In Chittagong, army personnel picked up Dastagir Chowdhury, former deputy mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) who is also a former general secretary (GS) of Chittagong city unit

yesterday.

They recovered 13 firearms, two other weapons, as many shutter guns, a pistol, three locally made guns, an airgun and 61 bullets. Eleven people were charged with illegal possession of firearms.

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School textbooks are being taken to the stores at Bangabazar wholesale market in Dhaka yesterday. There are allegations of printing mistakes, missing pages and other errors in the textbooks.

Textbooks riddled with errors

Students in a quandary

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Textbooks for classes IX and X published by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) contain numerous errors and anomalies, including spelling mistakes, faulty chapter and paragraph arrangement, and repetition and omission of articles.

The book also bears numerous other spelling mistakes.

The Singair Offset Printing Press at 34 RM Das Road in Dhaka printed 36,100 copies of the same book with gross spelling mistakes. The name of a story is spelt differently on different pages, creating confusion among the students.

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The errors in the textbooks, which were published at different printing presses in the capital and hit the market recently, confused and disappointed students.

Visiting several bookstores and going through the books, The Daily Star found that 30 pages were missing in the Bangla prose book--*Madhyamik Bangla Shankolam*--for the students of Secondary School Certificate (SSC).

Printed by Harun Printers at Rupchan Lane, Dhaka-1000, the content page of the book shows 145 pages while the book contains only 115 pages. Five stories, including "Lal Shalu" by Syed Waliullah, "Matribhasha" by Munier Chowdhury, and "Khadya O Paribesh" by Abdullah Al Muti, which are mentioned in the content--are missing from the book.

Harun Printers printed 28,590 copies of the book that also has "Dui Musafir" by Shawkat Osman and "Dhronir Byabohar" by Abdul Hai printed twice.

As yet, bookstall owners are not aware of the faults.

"The supply of textbooks is not sufficient to meet the demand," complained a bookstall owner at Savar.

The NCTB chairman could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

Hold election immediately

AL-led alliance asks interim govt

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