

Pariahs in police

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though one of his junior officials has already been made DIG. He did not raise any issue even during the caretaker regime.

In 2001, he was at Sardah Police Academy as an SP and later posted to the PHQ.

Police Super ZA Moshed (12th batch) was posted to Bilaychchari APBn in Rangamati in 2001. Superseded thrice, he was first transferred to Uttara APBn and then to Sylhet APBn where he is still serving.

Mahfuzul Haq Nuruzzaman, another SP of the 12th batch, was transferred to Baruria APBn after the BNP-led government came to power in 2001. He was superseded twice there and was then posted to APBn Chittagong.

The caretaker government first sent him to the PHQ and later to Chittagong Railway.

In 2001, SM Muniruzzaman was ASP (riot) in the DMP. After being superseded thrice, he was promoted to Additional SP of Kulna. But in that post, he was superseded on 10 occasions.

Now he is stationed at Mohalchhari APBn at Khagrachari.

M Khurshid Hossain was additional SP, Pabna in 2001. During the last five years, he was made SP Chaudanga, SP Pabna and transferred to the PHQ where he is still posted.

Didar Ahmed was additional SP in 2001. He was transferred to the Kulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) and APBn Baruria before being promoted as SP Bandarban. Late, the caretaker government has placed him at Sardah Police Academy.

Munirul Islam, the first man of the 15th batch, was in Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) in 2001. From there, he was posted to Jhenidah, TTS, Barisal, and Sardah before the interim government made him SP Bandarban.

He was superseded on as many as 14 occasions. When most of his batch mates were made SP, he was still an additional SP despite being the course senior.

Mohammad Ali Mia was AC DMP in 2001. Over the last five years, he worked in Kurigram, then at the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) as an additional SP, and at the Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) as an SP CID. He is now stationed in a foreign mission.

Awlad Ali Fakir was posted to PHQ in 2001. After supersedence on two counts, he was made additional SP Gaibandha and later transferred to Khulna RRF. The caretaker government has transferred him to the DMP as DC transport.

Mizanur Rahman, a course senior, was in Gazipur in 2001. During BNP-Jamaat rule, he was transferred to Noakhali PTC, Laxmipur circle, Rajbari Sadar and RMP. He served as additional SP in Chaudanga, Comilla, and then at Rangpur PTC, TTS and Baruria APBn before being made SP telecom.

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Additional IGP Nabo Bikrom Kishor Tripura was a DC in the CMP in 2001. In 2002, he was made special superintendent (SS) at the CID. He was then transferred to Khulna Range ADD DIG, Police Academy and then Detective Training School.

He was later sent to National Defence College to complete an 11-month course. On completion, he was transferred to the PHQ and then to the Staff College.

The caretaker government has brought him back to the PHQ.

DIG Foni Bhushan Chowdhury was SS CID in 2001. Superseded several times, Foni was promoted to additional DIG and transferred to Khulna PTC. He was again superseded on a number of occasions before being made DIG.

Sources said he is not being promoted because he will become additional IGP of CID once he gets the next promotion.

Joint forces

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of the police headquarters.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports: A Navy team raided the house of Kabir Boidya at Officepara in Moheshkhali upazila in the morning and recovered five locally made rifles, eight guns and 200 bullets after digging earth.

They also arrested Kabir Boidya, 65, Nurul Alam, 45, Shikder Miah, 50, and Amir Hossain, 45, from the house and took them to their Moheshkhali camp for interrogation.

Our Satkhira correspondent adds: The joint forces arrested Ashraf Hossain, chairman of Keragachi UP and president of Kalaroa upazila Jubo Dal, from Baliajanda Bazar in the upazila yesterday.

Ashraf is accused in at least five cases for different crimes including torturing journalists, extortion, grabbing shops, fish enclosures and lands, snatching criminals from the custody of Bangladesh Rifles and police and beating the law enforcers, sources said.

Ashraf, allegedly patronised by a former BNP lawmaker, was brought to the district headquarters for interrogation.

Our Natrakona correspondent adds: Army-led joint forces arrested Kendua upazila AL leader

EC reconstitution

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discuss preparation of voters' ID cards, transparent ballot boxes, and possible election schedules.

EC Secretary Abdur Rashid Sarker told UNB that the EC will hold a meeting today on cancellation of the January 22 polls.

Earlier on January 15, Acting CEC Mahfuzur Rahman told newsmen that elections would not be held on January 22 and had been deferred for the time being.

The EC has been mired in controversy over preparing the voter list since CEC Aziz took office on May 23, 2005 during the BNP-led coalition's rule.

Along with political parties, foreign envoys, different professionals' organisations and civil society personalities have also demanded the EC be reconstituted to hold a free and fair election.

US-based National Democratic Institute (NDI) found in a study that at least 13 million voters in the updated voter list were either excess or duplicates.

The EC spent nearly Tk 60 crore to prepare a fresh voter list, which was later cancelled by the High Court under charges that the CEC had taken unilateral decision for the task ignoring two other election commissioners' suggestions for updating the voter list.

20 injured

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complained Mahmood's family. "How can they tell us to leave our house without issuing any earlier notice," they said.

Police however said the inmates of the house hurled stones at them as they tried to remove them from their illegal possession.

Rajuk authorities and police said the area has been illegally occupied by a section of people for the last few years.

Police conducted drive in sectors 10, 11 and 13 and demolished around 25 illegal structures, police said.

Two people were arrested from the area in connection with the attack on the law enforcers.

SWF meet

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meeting place for ordinary people to get a platform to reflect their thoughts, have debates, share ideas and oppose a world dominated by capitalism or any form of imperialism.

During the opening ceremony, participants chanted slogans against imperialism and repression of people in different countries, particularly in Palestine and Iraq.

They also carried banners with anti-imperialism slogans as the theme of this meet is "People's struggle, people's alternatives". This struggle is against neo-colonialism and injustice, a better world is possible, a speaker said while addressing the opening ceremony.

The organising committee of the meet said their entire budget is less than \$7 million. The money was contributed by different partners, social organisations and governments including France and Italy.

Interestingly, the newspapers published from Nairobi did not pay much attention to the WSF, 2007 meet. The Daily Nation, the leading English newspaper of Kenya, in its front page ran only a single-column news yesterday about the WSF meet.

More frauds

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the client's signature. The central bank report said some officials of Oriental in different branches also looted a large amount of money in the name of incentives marked for them for increasing money deposits in the bank through expanding the client base.

The report said these officials pocketed a huge amount of incentives, but there is no document on how much money was paid to them by the bank against what amount of deposit. Also in the name of incentives to bank officials for bringing in money from the call money market, the bank paid an unusually large amount to them, the report added.

They also held Narayan Chandra Saha, manager of Holy Cinema Hall at Shamganj Bazar under Purbadhalia upazila in the district as a blue film was being shown in the hall on Friday night.

Our Rangamati correspondent reports: Army men yesterday arrested Babuia Chakma and Suman Tripura for their alleged involvement in toll collection, drugs peddling and theft.

Our Pabna correspondent reports: Army men and Sujanagar police held seven listed criminals including Sujanagar upazila JCD President Jasim Uddin Bishwas from Sujanagar upazila under Pabna district early yesterday.

Our Madaripur correspondent adds: Rapid Action Battalion arrested Juba League leaders Siddikur Rahman, Ziaul Islam Bappi and Abdul Mannan Matubbar on Friday night.

According to the central bank rules and regulations, a bank cannot lend money to a person or organisation amounting over 15 percent of its total capital. But Oriental provided large amounts of loans from its difference branches bypassing the central bank's rules and regulations, the report said.

Sources in the Bangladesh Bank said these are only the tip of the iceberg of examples of irregularities in Oriental Bank.

Meanwhile, the central bank

already sent its report to the Oriental

Bank authorities and Anti-corruption

Commission (ACC) for taking

actions against the bank officials

and owners who had been involved in such a rampant corruption.

ACC sources said based on the

BB report they already filed some

cases against some bank officials

and some more cases will be filed.

Oriental Bank sources said the

bank authorities already suspended

around 50 bank officials and they

are discussing with their lawyers

some other possible actions against

the guilty officials and their paymasters.

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Intelligence officials

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"Some Bangladesh intelligence officials helped us plan the assault and even gave us the vehicles for the assault that morning, but I don't know these Bangladeshis," he was quoted as saying.

"They started interacting with us after Paresh Barua briefed me on the mission on July 26 in a safe house in Gulshan in Dhaka," Saikia was quoted as saying during questioning.

The Awami League said its leader Sheikh Hasina, who was the prime minister of Bangladesh between 1996 and 2001, was the target of the grenade attack, the deadliest Bangladesh had witnessed since its independence in 1971.

Indian authorities have blamed the outlawed Ulfa for a four-day wave of attacks in Assam this month in which 73 people were killed -- 61 of them Hindu-speaking migrant workers.

Ulfa in the past targeted migrants to the state, including from neighbouring Bangladesh, who have waged a separatist campaign since 1979 that has claimed more than 20,000 lives.

Dhaka denies the charge.

Dr Yunus

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again all this money was invested in war technology."

Asked by El Mundo about the responsibilities of the September 11, 2001 hijackers who flew passenger jets into targets in New York and Washington, Yunus said they were "no saints, they are evil."

"What I'm saying is that the military response to terrorism is not a solution."

Yunus and the Grameen Bank which he created have helped millions in Bangladesh extricate themselves from poverty through tiny, collateral-free loans.

FDI dips 43pc

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Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

It said the registration of the FDI in these six months declined by 43 per cent compared to the same period of the previous FY.

Despite decline in FDI the country leads in a growth path in the said quarter, thanks to bullish remittance earning, increased activities of the service and agriculture sectors, the report said.

Gross foreign reserve at the end of December stood at \$3877 million, equivalent to imports in 2.9 months.

"The build-up of reserve was facilitated by buoyant receipts from workers' remittances and export earning. These inflows contributed to the stability in the foreign exchange market," the MCCI quarterly said.

The report said the collection of tax revenue worsened in the quarter as it grew by 8.6 per cent compared to 9.8 per cent in the previous July-September period.

The report suggested that government borrowing from the banking sector be limited and work stoppage in the Chittagong Port and law and order problems in the industrial belts be handled firmly so as to improve the overall business environment.

Top ex-army men

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through the years the public institutions have been politicised and damaged.

"Corruption by political parties failed to integrate the people and it is best understood by noticing that 90 percent of the people welcomed the state of emergency."

Asking to include members of social think-tanks and other experts in the caretaker government cabinet, he proposed that the current caretaker government should run the country for six months or more to root out corruption from the electoral process before holding the next election.

Asking for reconstitution of the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC), he proposed formation of an independent police commission to depoliticise the police administration.

Terming the calling out of the army as 'positive', former army chief and BNP lawmaker Lt Gen (retd) Muhammad Bishabur Rahman said the army may assist the civil administration in apprehending criminals' godfathers, and in recovering illegal firearms which are strong obstacles to holding a free and fair election.

Echoing the Prothom Alo editor, defence analyst and columnist Maj Gen (retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim alluded that the army played a very important role in declaring the state of emergency to 'save the nation from destruction'.

The constitution does not say anything about postponing parliamentary elections for natural calamities or other situations, he added.

He proposed formation of a constitution reform commission during the caretaker government (CG) regime as the CG itself does not have the power to reform the constitution.

Strongly criticising the political parties for not registering with the government, he asked the CG to launch a campaign through the media to reform their constitution.

"No government made any list of criminal godfathers in 36 years," he said, suggesting preparation of such a list with the help of the media.

He also opposed the use of the army in capturing petty criminals, saying arrests of innocent people besides the criminals, as was seen in the last few days, will tarnish the image of the armed forces.

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