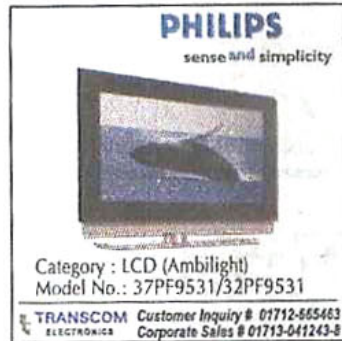




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MARK SHEET TAMPERING

CU cancels certificates of Judge Faizee, 2,350 others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg with CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) syndicate yesterday cancelled the LLB certificate of Judge Faisal Mahmud Faizee and 70 others on charge of tampering with their mark sheets, asking them to immediately return their certificates.

A meeting of the university syndicate, which also cancelled the graduation certificate of around 2,350 examinees on the same offence, decided to refer the matter to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) for taking necessary actions against the accused.

Sources present at the meeting told The Daily Star that the syndicate also unanimously decided to lodge a case.

The daylong 439th meeting of the syndicate was convened following submission of the report on the allegation of tampering with LLB mark sheets.

A committee headed by former pro-vice chancellor Prof Md Shamsuddin Ahmed probed the matter.

"The marks of Judge Faizee were found to be tampered with on the tabulation sheet. So, the certificate he has taken is fake. The office of the examination controller will communicate this matter formally



Faisal Mahmud Faizee

with him," said CU Syndicate member Dr Sultan Ahmed.

Fellow syndicate member Prof Helal Nizami meanwhile said the ACC will now investigate how Faizee obtained certificate through fraudulence.

He also said the syndicate has cancelled certificates of around 2,350 of 2,400 students on charges of tampering documents in eight categories. The rest 40-50 students passed their courses by passing subsidiary subjects, he said.

"The syndicate decided to publish a gazette notification containing the roll numbers of

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Faizee should quit now, say jurists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurists yesterday said controversial High Court (HC) judge Faisal Mahmud Faizee should immediately stop all judicial activities, and that legal steps should be taken against him on charges of fraud.

They were reacting to Chittagong University Syndicate's

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Blindfolded, 2 Rab men gunned down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown assailants shot dead two members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday at Amin Bazar on the outskirts of the capital in the first of such casualties from direct attacks on the elite force since its formation.

The slain Rab men were identified as Deputy Assistant Director Humayun Kabir and Constable Phool Mia. Both of them were members of the intelligence wing of Rab-11 unit.

The bodies of Humayun and Phool, who had been in Rab on deputation from the Bangladesh Navy and police respectively, were found lying in a hut at a brick field around 3:30pm at Salehpur, 2 kilometres off the Dhaka-Aricha highway to the east.

Commander Masuq Hassan Ahmed, a Rab director of its legal

and media wing, confirmed the incident and said a large number of their forces from five battalions have already swung into action to track down the killers.

The Rab personnel have kept the crime scene cordoned off and rounded up about 200 people for interrogation. Later around 160 of those were released.

Humayun Kabir, a senior chief petty officer of the navy, and Phool Mia were standing near Salehpur bridge in plainclothes around 3:00pm yesterday as part of their intelligence duty when they fell into a trap of the assailants.

Some unidentified people met them there and took them to Tara Mia's Brick Field by Bangshi river in the name of giving important secret information.

Taking them inside a hut there, the assailants blindfolded Humayun and Phool, tied up their

hands and legs, put gun barrels in their mouths and shot them dead, said Rab sources.

Talking to reporters, workers of the brick kiln said they saw five to six people dragging two persons to the hut and after a short while they heard gunshots.

Hearing the shots, a woman who was cooking for the workers ran to the scene. She raised a cry as she found the bodies lying in a pool of blood.

Tajul Islam alias Tara Mia, owner of the brick kiln, called Savar police immediately. But he along with his manager fled the scene, seeing hundreds of Rab personnel rushing there.

"We saw two men being dragged away, but as they were in plainclothes, we couldn't get that they were Rab men," one of the workers said.

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Diplomatic ties with Montenegro established

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh and Montenegro formally established diplomatic relations at a ceremony held at Bangladesh permanent mission to the United Nations on Friday.

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, who is currently visiting New York, was present at the ceremony.

Ambassador Nebojsa Kaludjerovic of Montenegro and Acting Permanent Representative Muhammad Ali Sorcar of Bangladesh signed the documents.

"It is a significant step that will enhance our bilateral trade and economic relations," the foreign adviser told newsmen after the event.

The people of Montenegro voted for independence from Serbia in a referendum on May 21, 2006. Montenegro is now a sovereign state and a member of the United Nations.

A LEVEL EXAMS

Another student gets world highest mark in 1 subject

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Our yesterday's report headlined "3 get world highest marks in 3 subjects" states the names of meritorious Bangladeshi students who obtained the highest marks in different subjects in the Cambridge O and A level examinations during 2005-06.

Another Bangladeshi student, Tanisha Bukh from Scholastica School, received the highest marks in the country in three subjects -- Business Studies, Economics and Mathematics -- in the Cambridge A level examinations for the June 2006 session and the highest marks in the world in Business Studies under GCE system.

Clarification

Pacific Motors Limited has sent a clarification of a news item titled "Rab seizes Harris Chy's luxury SUV" published in The Daily Star on March 1.

"The Range Rover, imported by former state minister Salahuddin Ahmed, was not found from Pacific Centre, Mohakhali, as reported, but taken possession of from Pacific Motors' showroom cum workshop at Tejgaon, along with the relevant import papers," the clarification said.

It said the vehicle was in safe-keeping and was not delivered to the importer due to non-payment of dues to Pacific Motors Limited.

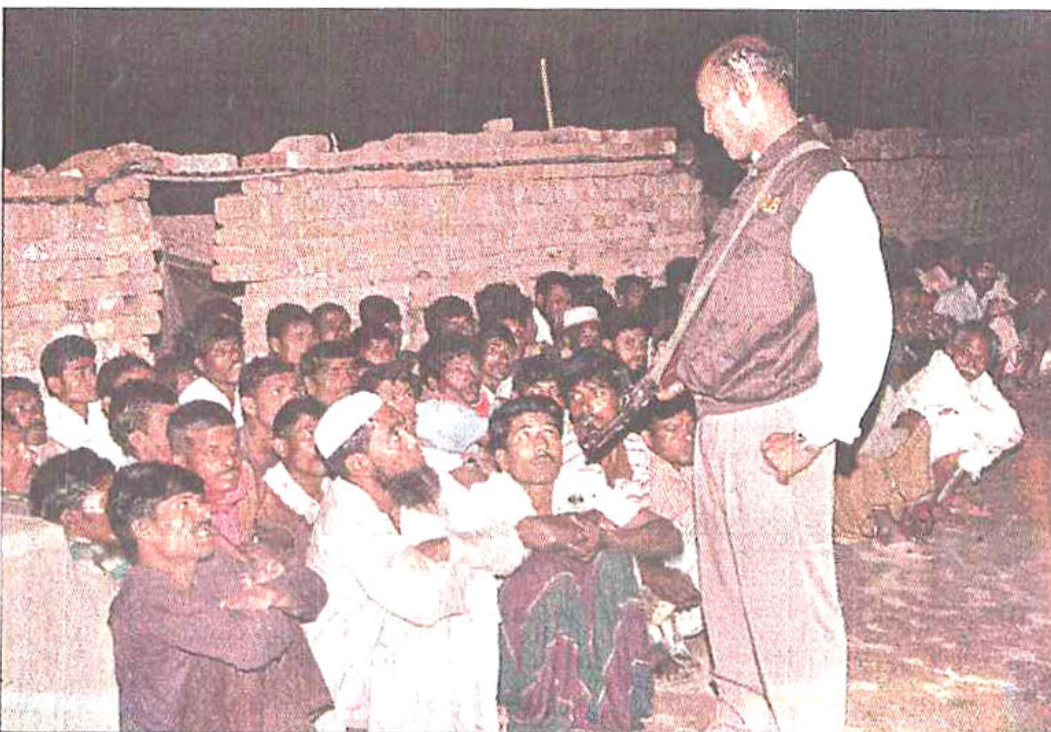


PHOTO: STAR

A Rab member guards people after rounding them up following killing of two Rab personnel near an Aminbazar brick-kiln yesterday.

Passports of 200 more to be seized

185 ex-ministers, MPs, politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen already face action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The joint forces prepare to seize passports of at least 200 more individuals suspected of corruption and other criminal activities to prevent them from leaving the country, said sources.

So far they have seized passports of 185 former ministers and lawmakers, politicians, bureau-

crats and businessmen for alleged corruption and attempts to create anarchy. Seventy of them have already been detained. All the 50 graft suspects listed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) are also among those 185.

The law enforcement agencies are assisting the members of the armed forces in making the seizures, added the sources.

Several names of the 200 people mentioned above might figure in the ACC's new list that is likely to come out this month, the sources said.

Banks have been asked to be on alert so that those (of the listed ones) who have deposited their passports and documents in the banks cannot withdraw them.

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Relief goods found at offices of Tariqul's wife

Raid on SQ Chy's Dhanmondi residence; valuables from house of ex-BNP lawmaker Munsif confiscated; luxury cars seized from DCC commissioner Chy Alam's house

STAR REPORT

Joint forces in Jessore recovered 103 corrugated iron (CI) sheets of state relief from different houses including the office of Astha, an NGO run by former BNP minister Tariqul Islam's wife Nargis Begum and local BNP leaders on Friday and Saturday.

In the capital, police seized two vehicles including a luxurious one owned by BNP leader and influential DCC Ward Commissioner Chowdhury Alam.

Besides, the joint forces raided former BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's Dhanmondi residence last night. The raid was

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PHOTO: STAR

The two vehicles of DCC Ward Commissioner Chowdhury Alam, which were seized by the law enforcers yesterday.

Abbas gives park land to his brothers, sisters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former housing minister Mirza Abbas had allotted a two-bigha land in the capital, earmarked for a children's park, to his brothers, sisters and other relatives.

Ignoring Rajuk's plan and local residents' demand, the housing and public works department, which was under Abbas' ministry, allotted 17 plots on the open field adjacent to Sonali Bank at Taltala, Khilgaon, among the relatives of the former housing and public

works minister.

Abbas was recently listed as one of the top 50 corruption suspects by the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC).

People who had lost lands during the construction of Kamalapur Railway Station and Bishwa Road were compensated with lands in Khilgaon Rehabilitation Area. Mirza Abbas' father's and his maternal uncle's names were on the list of people who were compensated.

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BARAPUKURIA COAL MINE CMC fails to deliver, presses for \$30m

Mine authority adviser opposes such payment

SHARIEF KHAN

While Chinese company CMC is mounting pressure on the government for immediate payment of about \$30 million in cash and benefits for Barapukuria coal mine, the mine authorities' legal adviser has strongly opposed making such payment.

The way CMC has failed to

comply with its promises amounts to "criminal wrongdoing" and "fraud under the law of Bangladesh," he says.

The Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd's (BCMCL's) legal adviser has firmly objected to payment of \$15 million sixth instalment of a Supplier's Credit to CMC because it has repeatedly failed to

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