

11 admin officials transferred

UNB, Dhaka

The government has transferred 11 joint secretaries, some of them as OSD, in a latest reshuffle in the administrative cadre.

A government handout on Thursday said Export Promotion Bureau Director General M Ismail Hossain was made director general (DG) of youth development department while Joint Stock Companies Directorate Registrar Hossain Jamil transferred as DG of the World Trade Organisation Cell (WTO cell).

Chittagong Additional Divisional Commissioner M Golam Kuddus was transferred to health and family welfare ministry while M Abul Hossain of establishment ministry transferred to industries ministry, UNDP National Consultant M Abul Kalam Azad to establishment ministry and Begum Mohsena Ferdousi of commerce ministry to food and disaster management ministry.

Disaster Management Bureau DG Rafiqul Mohamed, A Abduj Jaher of civil aviation and tourism ministry, Abdur Rauf Chowdhury of land ministry and SM Harunar Rashid of social welfare ministry were made OSD under establishment ministry.

M Abdul Monaf Patwary of home ministry was transferred to land ministry in equivalent post.



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Members of a musical band perform at a 'Concert against Drug' at Rabindra Sarobar Mancha in the city yesterday. Shikor organised the concert.

Make EC truly independent for credible polls

Speakers tell seminar

Bss, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for making the Election Commission (EC) truly independent for holding a transparent and credible election in the country.

They said the entire EC with its chief election commissioner, election commissioners and officials should be made free from all kinds of influences for the sake of a truly acceptable election.

They also laid emphasis on preparing a flawless voter list with the inclusion of minority and indigenous voters before the polls.

The seminar on 'Politicisation of administration, Election

Commission and the judiciary: Hindrances to free and fair election' was organised by Sammilita Nagorik Andolon (Combined Citizens Movement) at the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) in the city.

Renowned columnist ABM Musa presided over the seminar while BILIA Director Wali-ur-Rahman presented the keynote paper.

Former army chief Lt Gen (Retd) Harun-ar-Rashid, Prof Abdul Mannan of Dhaka University, polls analysts Taleya Rahman and Saif A Kafi, and development activists Mahbubul Alam and Nazmul Ahsan took part in the discussion.

The speakers said a flawless

voter list could be prepared by the members of the armed forces as they have gathered such experiences by working in various UN Peacekeeping Missions in the trouble-torn countries of the world.

They said there should be a system under which the people involved with the whole election-eering process can also cast their votes.

Due to absence of such system, the votes of these people are rigged in different ways, they added.

The speakers also suggested a provision enabling Bangladesh expatriates numbering more than 20 million in different countries to cast their votes.

Chemical Congress begins at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chemical Congress 2006 began yesterday at Dhaka University (DU) with participation of a number of chemists, chemical engineers and chemical technologists from home and abroad.

Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS), 'a bridge among chemists, chemical engineers and chemical technologists of the country', organised the biennial programme.

DU Vice-chancellor (VC) Prof SMA Faiz, Chairman of Organising Committee of Bangladesh Chemical Congress 2006 Prof M Muhibur Rahman and VC of Noakhali Science and Technology University Prof Abul Khair attended

the congress among others.

Prof M Lutfur Rahman presented the theme lecture.

The theme of this year's congress was "Chemistry in the 21st Century".

Addressing the congress, Prof Faiz said the theme of the congress was appropriate, as it is useful to put forward a vision of the future at the beginning of the century of the scientists, so that they work towards realising that vision.

He said chemistry would certainly play a vital role to achieve a world where all people will live in peace and harmony and there will no one who has to die from hunger or lack of proper treatment.