

Carry out duties for a terrorism, corruption-free Bangladesh

Chief adviser urges probationary police officers

UNB, Sardah, Rajshahi

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday urged the probationary police officers to carry out their duties as future leaders of the law enforcement agency to fulfil people's aspiration of a prosperous Bangladesh free of terrorism and corruption.

He made the call addressing a function marking the completion of one-year training of assistant superintendents of police (ASP) of the 25th BCS (Police) cadre at the Bangladesh Police Academy parade ground.

The head of the caretaker government said the role of the government's administrative machinery is pivotal in materialising the long cherished aspiration of the common people for a terrorism- and corruption-free Bangladesh.

"Law and order situation in the country has been better in the recent time, compared to any other time in the past, following positive and neutral role of the police," he said.

"We are making efforts to increase the qualitative standard of services rendered by various public

service providing institutions including the police," he added.

Besides, laws, rules and regulations are also being made time befitting, he said expressing the hope that it is possible to bring about epoch-making changes in the country's socioeconomic field if positive attitude can be brought about among the police forces.

The chief adviser also expressed his happiness that model police stations have been set up in many areas in the country, including capital Dhaka, responding to his call at a high-level meeting of police officials six months ago.

At total of 192 probationary ASPs, including more than two scores of women, have successfully completed the training at the Police Academy.

Probationary ASP M Mohiuddin has been adjudged as best rider, Md Kamruzzaman as best academic and Md Abdullah Al Mamun as best probationer.

Fakhruddin said the government is taking multifarious steps in bringing reforms in the police forces that resulted in the increase of internal monitoring and observation to

prevent corruption in the police. Other reforms are being implemented while public service delivery centre, victim support centre and monthly open house day system have been introduced in the metropolitan and model police stations.

Following these steps, positive response is being received from the people, he added.

Congratulating the freshly graduated police officers for successfully completing the hard training, he said: "You have to remember that on one hand you are servant of the people and on the other their friend."

"Truth, justice, honesty and discipline will have to be your ideal. Ensuring security and welfare of people should be your main mission," he told the probationary ASPs.

The chief adviser appreciated the performances of members of the police forces in various countries of Asia, Europe and Africa in UN peacekeeping missions, which has brightened the country's image in international arena.

Earlier, the newly graduated probationary ASPs gave a guard of honour to the chief adviser who reviewed the parade. He also wit-

nessed a spectacular march-past of the parade and took salute from the parade.

On his arrival at the venue, the chief adviser was received by Home Secretary Abdul Karim, Inspector General of Police Noor Mohammad and Commandant of Bangladesh Police Academy Mokhlesur Rahman.

Woman held for filing false case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A woman was arrested in Narayanganj yesterday for filing a false case back in January.

Source said Aziza Begum, wife of Abu Qasem, filed a case with Rupsha Police Station on January 21 against Toiyeb Mallik, Salma Begum, Akhter Khan and Azizul Karim, all hailing from Kojadia village at Rupsha in Khulna, saying they had killed and later concealed the body of her son Abdul Hossain.

Since then Abu Hossain had been absconding at the residence of his uncle at Kutubiai in Fatullah where he was found in the early hours of yesterday.

Call to fully ratify Cedaw

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called on the government to fully ratify and implement the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (Cedaw) with a view to promoting women's rights in the country.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) organised the discussion on Cedaw at Biam auditorium in the city.

Women have achieved their rights through hard struggle, Parishad general secretary Ayesha Khanam said, adding that there is no alternative but to struggle if they want to realise their demands.

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The dead were identified as Roksana, 8, daughter of Icar Uddin of village Katia Badamtola in Chatmohar upazila and Sohrab Ali, 70, of Piplur village in Atikula.

Sources said a Dhaka-bound night coach hit Roksana at about 10:00pm on Saturday on the highway in front of her house, leaving her dead on the spot.

Meanwhile, a speedy bus knocked down Sohrab Ali at Perpur crossing at about 9:00pm when he was crossing the road, leaving him dead on the spot, sources added.

The dead could not be identified immediately and the injured were truck driver Tamjiduddin, 30, son of Abu Sayeed and truck helper Nabi Hossain, son of Abdul Kadir.

They hailed from Chat Charolta village of Ashuganj upazila in Narsingdi. Injured Din Islam, 9, is the son of Joynaluddin of Bagbait village of Kotiadi upazila in Kishoreganj.

The injured were admitted to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital, hospital sources said.

Police said driver of the bus has managed to escape.

The NSU emerged as champion in Citi Financial Quiz Competition-2007 yesterday.

The NSU beat Jahangiragar University to seize the championship at the grand finale held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

A total of 12 public and private universities took part in the competition organised by Citibank NA, Bangladesh in collaboration with North South University.

Citi Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Citigroup, funded the competition to promote financial education.

After intense competition in the three segments of the final round, both teams tied on points. In the extra round, the NSU answered two questions, out of three, correctly to become the champion.

The champion team was awarded a grand prize of \$3000 while the runner-up team bagged \$1500. Each team comprised three members.

Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam gave away the prize money to the winners as the chief guest. Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice-chancellor of NSU, and Mamun Rashid, managing director & CEO of Citibank NA, Bangladesh, were also present at the gala event.

Congratulating the participants of the competition, the finance adviser said today's young people will be the leaders of the country in future. They will help achieve the desired economic growth by contributing to the financial sector, he added.

He also called on the students not to let their personal views compromise their professional duties.

Mamun Rashid said the objective of the competition is to promote financial education among the young people.

Financial management education has a vital role to play in developing the country's economy, he added.

Channel i and Radio Foorti were the media partners of the competition, the first of its kind in the country.



PHOTO: STAR
Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda speaks at a press conference at the EC Secretariat in the city yesterday. On his right is Muhammed Sohul Hussain and on his left is Brig Gen (Retd) Shakhawat Hossain.

EXTORTION

Ex-BNP lawmaker Dr Akbar, his wife sued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A case has been lodged against former BNP lawmaker Dr M Akbar Ali, his wife Momena Ali and eleven other BNP activists for extortion.

Asaduzzaman Dula of Jhikira village under Ullapara upazila of the district filed the case with a court in Sirajganj yesterday.

After hearing the witnesses, Magistrate Farida Yasmin ordered the officer-in-charge of Ullapara Police Station to investigate the case.

According to complainant's sources Dr Ali called Asaduzzaman to the office of Ullapara Science College on January 22, 2005 and demanded Tk 10 lakh in toll from him during the BNP-led four-party alliance government.

Dr Ali also threatened Asaduzzaman saying that he would be evicted from his dwelling house established on 44 decimal of land if he did not meet the demand.

Following his refusal to pay the toll, some cadres of Dr Ali and his wife attacked the house of Asaduzzaman on February 14, 2005.

The cadres also beat him and his family members, damaged homes and looted valuables including cash and gold ornaments.

In his complaint, Asaduzzaman also mentioned that as the BNP was in power, he could not file the case earlier.

Bangabandhu Sainik League president, his 2 sons arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police yesterday arrested SM Kamru Alim Mintu, president of the city unit of Bangabandhu Sainik League, from his residence at Boyra College Road.

Police also arrested his two sons SM Samiul Alam Rusho and SM Sadikul Alam Lazki from the income tax office on the same road.

According to police, Mintu was wanted as a suspect in five murder cases filed with Sonadanga Police Station.

On the other hand, police arrested his two sons for beating up a grocer named Mohammad Ali.

He came under attack for refusing to sell cigarettes on credit, police added.

The severely injured grocer was admitted to Khulna Medical College and Hospital.

A case accusing Rusho and Lazki was filed with Sonadanga Police Station under the Speedy Trial Act.

On the other hand, Mintu was shown arrested in the murders of Hatem Sheikh and his sons Jahangir, Humayun, Shahjahan and Babar during a period from 1990 to 1997.

Death anniversary



Today is the second death anniversary of Abidur Reza Khan, former lawmaker and an organiser of the liberation war, says a press release.

On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard in the city in the morning.

A milad and doa mahfil will also be held at his Elephant Road residence in the city after Asr prayers.

Similar programmes will also be held at his village residence at Vodorganj in Shariatpur district.

His friends, relatives and admirers are requested to join the programmes for salvation of the departed soul.

Abdul Karim Mondol
RU CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 50th death anniversary of Abdul Karim Mondol, a mathematics expert.

He was the first examination controller of Rajshahi University and founder principal of Rajshahi City College.

On the occasion, a memorial meeting will be held at Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium.

DHAKA TODAY
Election Olympiad

Shashashone Jonney Nagorik (Shajun) organises National Election Olympiad. Venue: Diploma Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 9:00am.

Consultation

Aparajeyo-Bangladesh organises a consultation on child victims of commercial sexual exploitation in South Asia. Venue: WVAuditorium. Time: 9:30am.

Seminar

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and Institute of Training Innovative Management and Technology (INTIMATE) will jointly organise a seminar on 'Economic growth and business transformation in South East Asia'. Bangladesh's potentials to match'. Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 11:30am.

PHOTO: STAR
Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam, 3rd from left, gives away the prize money to the champion team at the concluding session of Citi Financial Quiz Competition-2007 at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday. On his left are Hafiz GA Siddiqi and Mamun Rashid.

Call for intensive dialogue on Indo-Bangla water cooperation

Bss, Dhaka

Editor of the daily Samakal Abu Sayeed Khan, City Editor of the daily News Today Badul Alam, daily Ittefaq's Shaheen Reza Nur and News Editor of the daily Amar Desh Chandan Sarker.

The dialogue was moderated by WWF's Secretary General Quamrul Islam Chowdhury.

Reazuddin asked for broadening the areas of cooperation and changing the mind-set of all the parties involved and said the media in the region could play a significant role in raising awareness about water problems as well as solutions with some path breaking joint media visits to the affected areas across the basin for filing joint reports in both print and electronic media in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Zaglul Chowdhury underscored the need for creation of a congenial atmosphere of win-win situation in resolving the very sensitive water problems in the region. He also emphasized the need for raising the informed media coverage in this regard.

Abdul Qayum described water as a regional problem and called for its regional solution by involving India, Nepal and Bangladesh.

Alamgir Mohiuddin suggested basin-wide flow augmentation and development for the uplift of the riparian countries like Nile Commission or Mekong Commission.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature likely

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City/Town		Temperature		Humidity	
		in celsius		percentage	
			Max	Min	Morning Evening
Dhaka			33.3	28.0	74 69
Chittagong			31.2	26.4	69 82
Rajshahi			35.2	27.2	83 73
Khulna			33.5	27.0	80 84
Barisal			31.5	26.6	81 -
Sylhet			30.4	25.5	98 85
Cox's Bazar			32.8	25.5	73 81