



Members of an armed forces contingent of Bangladesh Army offer munajat before boarding a UN Chartered plane on Wednesday night. They will join the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Congo.

PEACEKEEPING MISSION
Replacement
contingent
leaves for Congo

METRO DESK

Bangladesh is replacing its three army and two air force contingent in United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Congo (MONUC), says an ISPR release.

Under this programme, first batch of 122-member army team led by Commander BANBAT-6 Lt Col Saiful Alam left for Congo by an UN-chartered aircraft on Wednesday night.

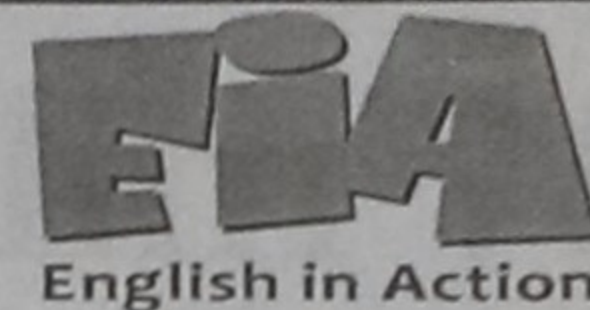
The replacement will be continued until October 14 and 1333 armed forces personnel in different ranks will go to Congo while 1333 personnel will return home by ten flights after successful completion of their tenure.

A seven-member BAF delegation led by Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Admin) Air Commodore M Delwar Hossain left the city for Congo by the same flight to witness the activities of BAF peacekeepers there.

A seven-member media team also flew to Congo with the replacement contingent to observe different daily operational and administrative activities run by Bangladeshi peacekeepers.

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5. Enter, analyse and present data for Project M&E and impact assessment using the Project MIS
6. Build the capacity of EIA staff and partners in knowledge management and using information exchange mechanisms
7. Establish and manage shared network drives and a Resource Centre for the program

Required Qualifications

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in Communications, ICT, Development Studies or another relevant field
- Minimum of 5 years of practical experience in designing and leading initiatives for organization-wide information sharing, knowledge management and record keeping
- Good understanding of ICT and computer based Management Information Systems (MIS)
- Excellent computer skills, including the maintenance of websites/Extranets and database management
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to motivate others in sharing knowledge
- Fluency in English, both oral and written
- Preferably experience with managing a small library or resource centre

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LONDON MEET ON CLIMATE CHANGE FUND SEPT 10
Govt urged not to accept
conditional fund

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a press conference yesterday called on the government not to accept any World Bank-controlled funds with strings attached to tackle climate change in the country.

They also urged the government to receive Multi Donor Trust Fund as a grant, not as a loan. The fund will be set up at a meeting in London on September 10.

Equity and Justice Working Group (EJWG) organised the press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium in the city.

The speakers also opposed several recommendations made by the government on a strategy paper which will be presented at the

meeting.

Styler 'Climate change strategy and action for Bangladesh' the meeting will set up a multi-donor fund to offset the impacts of the global climate change.

If the recommendations are accepted by international community, Bangladesh will be brought back to primitive age, as the country will lose its control to a great extent over agriculture, medicine, mineral resources, energy and industrial sectors, they added.

Formation of the fund is a subsequent decision of an earlier meeting 'Bangladesh-UK conference on climate change' organised by the UK government on March 25 in the city.

Speakers said the strategy paper recommended for climate-resilient

agriculture based on modern technology which will be imported from the developed countries.

It paper also said Bangladesh needs drought and salinity-tolerant varieties of seeds to tackle the situation caused by global climate change, they added.

They further said it is a conspiracy by the agents of multinational seed companies to make the country their potential seed market, destroying the existing traditional varieties of paddies in the country.

EJWG said agents of international monetary funds, including WB, are very instrumental in the country and they are trying to make the country a market of multinational agro-product companies in the name of helping the country for climate change.

The strategy paper also said Bangladesh will reduce carbon emission and will adopt an energy saving strategy.

If Bangladesh promises to reduce consumption of energy and emission of carbon to have financial aid from the proposed fund, the country will be forced to stop further development in industrial sectors, speakers said.

They said Bangladesh being industrially underdeveloped emits the least amount of carbon and CFC gases harmful to ozone layer. Promise of further reduction of such gases means push the country to primitive age or make it bound to import all industrial goods facilitating multinational companies.

According to United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNCCC), the developed countries that are responsible for climate change for their prodigal manner in life style generating carbon are bound to give financial and technical support unconditionally for the victims of climate change in the third world.

The speakers said G-8 countries are trying to entangle Bangladesh with foreign loan by WB in the name of assistance through the proposed fund.

General Secretary Md Shamsuddoha presented the key-note paper in the press conference with EJWG Convener Rezaul Karim Chowdhury in the chair.

Anti-graft debate held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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organised the competition.

The girls of class ten was for the motion while the boys of class nine were against the motion. However, it was the girls who had the last laugh as the winners.

Shahidullah Kaiser, a teacher of the school, moderated the programme.

School Headmistress Mir Hamida Aziz, who is also joint convener of Sanac, Shamsul Alam, president of the school management committee, freedom fighter Khandaker Hamid Ranju and TIB official Muhammad Atikur Rahman distributed the certificates among the winners.

Agrani Yes Friends Group also published a wall magazine and a little magazine titled 'In the ray of light' to bolster the government's anti-corruption drive.



Winners of an anti-corruption debate competition pose for photograph with the guests at Savar Agrani High School yesterday. Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Yes Friends Groups of Sachetan Nagarik Committee (Sanac) in Savar jointly organised the competition.

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