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14 BDR installations short on confidence

Officers posted there spend night elsewhere

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) officials still do not think it safe to spend the night at 14 out of 54 BDR installations outside the capital as they lack confidence in the jawans deployed there.

The BDR officials, deputed from army, work at the installations during the day and leave every evening to spend the night elsewhere.

During a press briefing held at the BDR headquarters yesterday, Col Jahangir Kabir Talukder, director (Ops and training), said the officials of the 14 installations do not have confidence in the BDR jawans.

"It is taking time to regain confidence in jawans and for officials to live there. The jawans of those installations took

part in the BDR mutiny on February 25-26," Col Jahangir said, adding, "We are hopeful that all the installations would be used for living within a short time."

He firmly said the BDR officials have regained control over all BDR installations and units and have strengthened drives against smuggling.

BDR soldiers seized smuggled goods worth over Tk 60.22 crore between March and May this year, which is four times higher than that of the same period last year.

Col Jahangir said a total of 29 BDR jawans died, 11 of cardiac arrest, in and outside Dhaka since the February carnage at Pilkhana. He said a total of 352 jawans died of various causes from 2001 to 2008, 207 of them died of cardiac arrest.

Talking to the reporters, the BDR

director said the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) removed their temporary barbed wire fences from 12 places on no man's land following BDR protest.

Replies to a query, Col Jahangir said it may seem that BDR seized four times the amount of smuggled goods than they did last year; actually the quantity is almost the same but their values have increased.

BDR SOLDIER DIES

A BDR soldier died of asthma in Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday.

Saiful Islam, 35, had been working as a signalman at BDR sector headquarters at Halishahar in Chittagong.

According to a BDR press release, Saiful had been suffering from tuberculosis and asthma for a long time.

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Abul Matin and other language movement veterans pay tribute to their departed fellow hero Gaziul Haque at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday. Story on page 2.

PHOTO: STAR



Crackdown on sand traders grabbing Turag

TAWFIQUE ALI

Dhaka should seek changes in routes

Rahmatullah tells The Daily Star on Asian Highway

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Bangladesh government being in a dilemma for years over route selection and its lack of understanding of the Asian Highway Network (AHN) has delayed its inclusion in the superhighway, said M Rahmatullah.

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Fresh regrouping of JMB in C'nawabganj

4 operatives held with firearms in last 5 days

RABIUL HASAN, C'nawabganj

Militants of banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) have started regrouping in the remote villages of four upazilas in the district.

Police sources said JMB members who fled their localities during the crackdown after the August 17 serial bomb blasts in 2005 have returned to their areas in Shibganj, Bholahat, Gomostapur and Sadar upazilas and invited people secretly to join with them.

The JMB members collected arms from secret sources and trained up newly recruited members so that they can make arms and ammunition, police said.

Under this situation, police arrested four JMB members in Shibganj and Bholahat upazilas and recovered four locally-made guns and 14 rounds of bullet from their houses in last five days.

Police said many women also got involved with the outfit, as the JMB members have targeted women and youths for their membership.

Acting on a tip-off, a special police team

from Dhaka arrested Abdul Munib, 25, from Koilardiar Sanayasi village Wednesday night and recovered a shooter gun and three bullets.

Earlier on June 14, police arrested Abdul Mumun, 24, from Khorogpur village under Shibganj upazila with a shooter gun and three rounds of bullet.

Following his confessional statement, police detained Abdul Rakib alias Sumon, 22, of Shamjola village in Shibganj upazila, and Rabiul Islam, 22, of Musribhuja Sonarpura village in Bholahat upazila, and found the firearms.

During the raids, police also seized books on jihad, three mobile phone sets and bullet-making materials.

Zannatul Hasan, superintendent of police of intelligence wing in Dhaka, said all the four arrestees admitted to their involvement with the outfit during interrogation.

JMB members made only grenade and hand bomb in the past. But they are now making arms and ammunition at different places of the district. This is a new dimension and police

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Afridi lifts Pakistan into World T20 final

AFP, Nottingham

Shahid Afridi shone with bat and ball as Pakistan dumped South Africa by seven runs to storm into the ICC World Twenty20 final here on Thursday.

The maverick batsman smashed 51 from 34 balls and then grabbed 2-16 with his leg-spin as Pakistan successfully defended 149-4 to restrict the favoured Proteas to 142-5 before a sell-out crowd at Trent Bridge.

Pakistan, runners-up to India in the inaugural World Twenty20 in South Africa two years ago, await the winners of Friday's semifinal between Sri Lanka and the West Indies in

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Within a 6 Hr notice capable to reside an intake flat made with luxury materials in lake view location by leading housing co. Asset Developments & Holdings Ltd. at Banani, DHK. Block-A, Road no-18, House-26, in front of Korean Embassy, flat size 2550sqf & 1050sqf. Demand contact from original customer at cell no. 01713-114915.

Banners of pledge for changes

Prothom Alo holds exhibition today

A CORRESPONDENT,

Cox's Bazar

An exceptional exhibition of 2,500 banners titled "Bodle Jao Bodle Dao" with people's pledge for changes will be held on the world's longest sea beach Cox's Bazar today.

The programme organised by the daily Prothom Alo and its Bandhusabha (Friends' Club) will last for one hour starting from 3:30pm at a stretch of six kilometres beach area from Kalatoli Surfing Point to Samiuppara.

The members of the Bandhusabha will throng to the sandy beach from seven points in Cox's Bazar. People

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PHOTO COURTESY

Number of people hold a pledge-for-change banner on Cox's Bazar beach yesterday. Organised by daily Prothom Alo, the Bodle Jao Bodle Dao exhibition of 2,500 such banners on the beach with people's promise to change is expected to find a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

CID gleans crucial info from Pintu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu revealed significant information regarding February 25-26 BDR mutiny during his third phase one-day remand.

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Iran opposition keeps up rallies defying ban

Several prominent reformists detained, defeated candidates cite 646 polls irregularities

AFP, AP, Tehran

Tens of thousands of supporters of defeated Iranian presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi held a new rally in Tehran on Thursday

to mourn the deaths of slain protesters, witnesses told AFP.

Chanting "Peace be upon (Prophet) Mohammed and his family", the protesters, many dressed in black, marched in south Tehran and were expected to be joined by Mousavi himself, the witnesses added.

One witness said protesters were carrying pictures of Mousavi and placards like "We have

not had people killed to compromise and accept a doctored ballot box" and "Silent, keep calm."

The rally was held despite a ban by the interior ministry. The authorities have also barred the foreign media from covering such "unauthorised" events.

Electoral watchdog the Guardians Council said it had received a total of 646 complaints of irregularities in last Friday's election from the three defeated presidential candidates.

It said it had invited the trio to set out their grievances on Saturday, with a decision on

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Online Poll

Do you think EC's decision to send letter to Parliament Secretariat, asking it to scrap the membership of BNP MP SQ Chowdhury for suppressing his educational information to the commission was right?

- Yes (68.7%)
- No (30.1%)
- No Comments (1.3%)

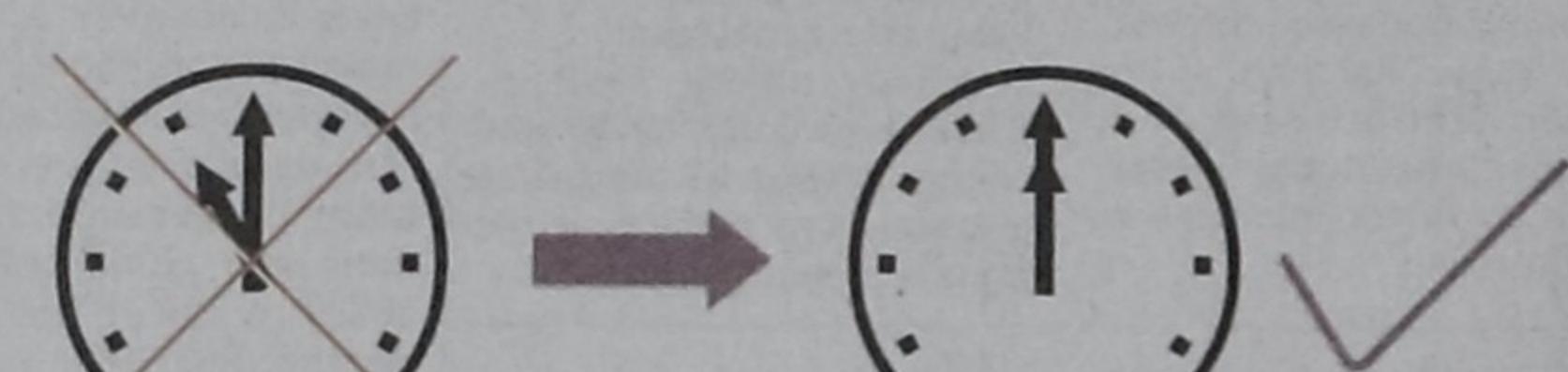
Total votes: 792

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think government should provide subsidy greatly for solar panel for residential use in order to reduce pressure on the national power grid?

Please cast your vote to www.thedailystar.net

১৯ জুন রাত ১১ টায়



ঘড়ির কাঁটা এগিয়ে নিন ১২ টায়

তথ্যাত্মক আপনার আমার ঘড়ির কাঁটা ১ ঘন্টা এগিয়ে আনলে প্রতিদিন সশ্রান্ত হতে পারে ৩০০ মেগাওয়াট বিদ্যুৎ। অনাকাঙ্ক্ষিত লোড শেভিং এর মাঝে নামিয়ে আনা যেতে পারে সবার জন্য সহজের পর্যায়ে।

• সরকার দিনের আলোর সর্বাধিক ব্যবহার নিষিদ্ধ করে দেশব্যাপী বিদ্যুৎ সাধারণের বিজ্ঞানসম্মত কর্মসূচী গ্রহণ করেছে। বালাদেশে একদম নতুন হলেও বিশ্বের বিভিন্ন এলাকায় এটি পালিত হচ্ছে পরীক্ষিত লাভজনক প্রকল্প হিসেবে।

• ঘড়ির কাঁটা ১ ঘন্টা এগিয়ে আনলে আপনার অফিস বা বাসন্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের নির্ধারিত সময় সূচীতে কিন্তু কোন পরিবর্তন আসছে না। অর্থাৎ আগের মতই নটার অফিস নটায় তব এবং পাঁচটাতেই ছুটি হবে। জাতিতে বৃহত্তর প্রয়োজনে আমরা কেবল আমাদের দিনের কর্মসূচী তব করব ১৮ জুনের চাইতে ১ ঘন্টা আগে।

• প্রতিলিপি ব্যবস্থা এখন দোকানগুটি খোলা থাকে রাত ৮ টা পর্যন্ত। সূর্যাত্মক সাড়ে ৬ টায়। অর্থাৎ সূর্যাত্মক পর দেড় ঘন্টা সময় ধরে এসব দোকানগুটি বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে। ঘড়ির কাঁটা ১ ঘন্টা এগিয়ে আনলে সকার পর বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার হবে মাত্র ৩০ মিনিট কেবল। সে সময় ঘড়ির কাঁটা অনুসারে সূর্যাত্মক হবে সকার সাড়ে ৪ টায়।

তাই আসুন, জাতীয় স্বার্থে সরকারের বিদ্যুৎ সাধারণ কর্মসূচির সঙ্গে সহাই একাত্ম হই। দিনের আলো ধাকাতেই শেষ করি আমাদের দৈনন্দিন সব প্রয়োজনীয় কাজ।

বিদ্যুতের চাহিদা দিন দিনেই বাড়ে। আমার আশ্বানির সহায়ী ব্যবহার অতিরিক্ত বিদ্যুৎ চাহিদা মোকাবেলায় সহায় করবে। আর আমাদের এই প্রয়াস বিশ্বের মানচিত্রে

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