

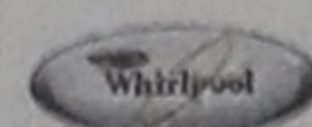


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1/11 bashers told to shut up

PM asks party colleagues not to join BNP bandwagon

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday warned her party leaders not to join the opposition BNP men in speaking against the 1/11 changeover and just-retired army chief Gen Moeen U Ahmed.

At a cabinet meeting, she and her colleagues expressed resentment at some of the ruling party leaders making 'derogatory remarks' about Moeen and 1/11.

Hasina, also president of Awami League, said she would soon sit with the leaders in question and caution that the way they have lately been conducting themselves amounts to, playing into the

hands of the opposition.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Islam raised the issue.

Some cabinet members said a few AL leaders are speaking like BNP's Moudud Ahmed and Khandaker Delwar Hossain out of frustrations they may be feeling for not getting a berth in the cabinet, said meeting sources.

Both Moudud and Delwar have been calling for trial of Moeen and others for



bringing about 1/11.

The AL chief said her party men talking like that will only damage the government's morale, and this cannot be accepted, added the sources.

She suspects there is a conspiracy behind bashing the former army chief and the changes that

came on January 11, 2007.

Some AL leaders might have reached an understanding with the BNP leaders

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Most chosen names Bangladesh Border Guards or Border Guards of Bangladesh

3 regional HQs proposed to command 12 sectors

3 out of 4 battalions recommended to be shifted from Dhaka

Proposal to have officers solely from army

Other ranking personnel to be drafted in from army, police, ansar

Uniform colour and logo to be changed

3 battalions to find no room in Pilkhana

BDR reform proposals handed to Faruk Khan

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Against the backdrop of last February's bloody mutiny, three out of the four BDR battalions now based in its headquarters at Pilkhana are likely to be moved outside the capital.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) sources said a set of proposals for BDR reforms was prepared by a sub-committee, formed earlier and led by the BDR's director general (DG). The committee in a meeting at Pilkhana placed the set of proposals for BDR reforms, including its probable new name, before Commerce Minister Faruk Khan yesterday evening.

The moving of the three battalions was in the proposals, sources said.

Faruk Khan heads a committee, formed in the wake of BDR carnage, for coordinating measures of the Prime Minister's Office and the home and defence ministries.

Maj Gen Md Mainul Islam, DG of BDR, told

The Daily Star last night, "Considering all aspects, we gave complete proposals on the reforms of the force, its organisational structure, functions and all related matters are in the proposals."

"If the government approves the proposals in principle, we will go for the next step—implementation," said Gen Mainul declining to give any details about the proposals.

Representatives of the home ministry, Armed Forces Division, Army, Police, and Ansar are members of the sub-committee. The National Defence College extended support to the secretariat work of the sub-committee.

"We proposed five new names for BDR. Of the five, the most voted names are 'Bangladesh Border Guards' and 'Border Guards of Bangladesh'," said a source.

The source said, "BDR headquarters would remain in Pilkhana but we have proposed to

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Ex-whip Suja, wife sent to jail on surrender

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former Awami League lawmaker and whip Mostafa Rashidi Suja and his wife Khodeza Rashidi to jail in a graft case after they had surrendered before it.

Earlier, they had been sentenced in different terms in absentia in the case filed by Deputy Director of Anti-Corruption Commission Mohammad Moniruzzaman on July 9, 2007.

On March 12 last year, Suja was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment for acquiring illegal wealth and providing false wealth statement while Khodeza was awarded three years' imprisonment for abetting him accumulate the wealth.

Judge (In Charge) Mohammad Mozammel

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Two express trains collided head-on outside Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday leaving a man dead and six others injured. Picture inset shows police and a rescue team inspecting the damaged bogies of the train.

PHOTO: STAR



Trains collide head-on for 'wrong signal'

1 killed, 6 injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Due to a wrong signal", two express trains crashed head-on yesterday just outside Kamalapur Railway Station leaving a man dead and six others injured.

Both the locomotives and a few carriages of the trains were damaged.

Bangladesh Railway suspended the station's Platform Station Master (PSM) Saiful Islam and Cabin Station Master (CSM) Khandaker Basher for negligence of duty, said Divisional Transport Officer (DTO) Nazmul Islam of Bangladesh Railway.

This is the second accident that occurred in the capital in six days.

Station sources said when Mymensingh-bound Isakhan express train was departing the station around 2:40pm, Mohanagar intercity train from Chittagong was approaching the station on the same lines.

Witnesses said the first carriage of the Mohanagar was smashed against the locomotive in the impact and the engine of

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JMB IT 'chief' captured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab arrested the chief of information technology (IT) wing of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from his residence in the city's Pallabi area on Sunday.

Rab men raided the house of Emranul Haque alias Rajib at around 9:00 pm and arrested him along with JMB 'Ehsar' (full-time) member Abu Bakar Siddiqui alias Abu Hanif, 20. Hanif is on charge of Pabna district of JMB.

Five detonators, two casings of grenade, one high resolution binocular, one laptop, a number of jihadi books and some

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Manipur team voices Tipai fear in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A five-member delegation from the Indian state of Manipur and Assam yesterday urged Bangladeshi nationals—at home and abroad—to be united and protest against the much-talked-about Tipaimukh dam project.

They were addressing at a "Sanghati Samabesh" (solidarity meeting) at the seminar hall of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) yesterday afternoon.

The team reached Sylhet

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City life reels from heat, outage

WASIM BIN HABIB

With a heat wave sweeping the country for about a fortnight in the absence of usual monsoon rains, sufferings of the city dwellers have worsened due to frequent outages of power when they need it all the more.

Increased consumption of electricity at houses, offices, markets and other establishments to operate cooling devices is rather leading to repeated power cuts and for longer duration.

Meanwhile, three days into its introduction, the daylight saving time (DST) measure does not appear to have improved this situation.

With the mercury hovering around 35 degrees Celsius in the capital for the last several days, frequent power outages badly affect normal life and activities.

Residents of different areas of the capital alleged that they are experiencing power cuts five to six times a day, each lasting at least an hour.

The areas include Dhanmondi, Uttara, Mirpur, Kalabagan, Moghbazar, Khilgaon, Goran, Shahjahanpur, Mohammadpur, Gendaria, Hazaribagh, Sutrapur, Malibagh and Naya Paltan.

Power sector officials however blamed the unusual rise in demand for power because of

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Navy in need of logistics

Seeks JS body's help to resolve problems

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Bangladesh Navy yesterday said it is facing difficulties in safeguarding the country's economic interest and exercising maritime control within the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf due to lack of modern equipment, manpower and fund.

In a report, placed before the parliamentary standing committee on defence ministry, the navy also sought prudent directives of the parliamentary committee for overcoming their limitations so that the force is able to fulfil the nation's

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Khaleda writes to Manmohan

Asks not to build Tipai dam; BNP water expert demand upsets JS body chief; Ainun Nishat refuses to be in water politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition leader and former premier Khaleda Zia yesterday despatched a letter to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh requesting not to construct Tipaimukh dam on the river Barak considering the negative impacts on Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, in a letter to the parliamentary standing committee on water resources Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abedin Faroque proposed names of five experts in the parliamentary delegation on BNP's behalf for visiting the dam site.

Chairman of the committee Abdur Razzak yesterday expressed disappointment over BNP's proposal for including names of experts instead of lawmakers in the all-party delegation.

"The proposal for including five experts instead of your party lawmakers for the parliamentary delegation frustrated me," he said in a letter to Zainul Abedin.

In his letter Razzak said the standing committee had approved to send a 10-member parliamentary delegation including a member of Joint River Commission and a water resources expert of BUET.

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Mr. Khandoker Atiqur Rahman, Head of Payroll & Pension of Grameenphone and Mr. Mir Mominul Huq, Head of Retail & SME Division of DBBL signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations on June 22, 2009. Mr. Arnfinn Groven, Chief Human Resources Officer, Mr. Md. Mainur Rahman Bhuiyan, GM & Head of Treasury Operation, Mr. Abdus Salam Bhuiyan, Additional General Manager, HRD of Grameenphone, Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Mr. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited were also present at the signing ceremony.

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