

## POSTING, TRANSFER

## Top cops unhappy over ministry role

KAILASH SARKAR

High-ranking police officials yesterday expressed their deep concerns to the state minister for home over the way the establishment ministry posts officials ignoring their proposals.

They told State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku that the inspector general of police (IGP) sends names of police officials to the establishment ministry specifying where to post them considering their expertise.

But the ministry posts them at its will completely putting aside the proposals sent by the IGP time to time causing difficulties in maintaining law and order, meeting sources said.

It was the first meeting of the state minister held at the police headquarters in presence of all senior police officials, including IGP Nur

Mohammad, additional IGP (admin) NBK Tripura, Rapid Action Battalion Director General Hasan Mahmud Khandaker, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque.

Sources closed to the meeting said they urged the state minister to consider the proposals sent by IGP, which will ultimately help combat crimes.

According to sources, the state minister acknowledged the fact and assured them of considering their proposals.

Asked, additional IGP (Admin) NBK Tripura told The Daily Star sometimes some of the proposals are accepted partially.

Sources said the senior police officials at the meeting also pointed out various difficulties they face and talked about the lack of equipments and logistic supports.

The police officials also told the state minister criminals had changed their techniques with the help of modern technology, but law enforcers don't have proper technology, training, equipment and logistic support to fight them.

Besides, the police officials urged the state minister to allocate additional money for them and intelligence agencies as well so that they could buy necessary modern equipment.

Meanwhile, at the end of the meeting, the state minister told reporters that he asked the law enforcers to arrest terrorists irrespective of their political identities.

"Terrorists have no colour and party affiliation. The drive against the terrorists will continue to go on, no matter who they are and if they belong to any party" the state minister said.

## Rajshahi court denies bail to 31 BDR men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi court yesterday denied bail to 31 BDR members arrested in a sedition case filed against them in connection with the mutiny at the BDR sector headquarters.

District and Sessions Judge AR Masud also sent them to jail custody.

The BDR members were brought to the court amid tight security and their lawyers submitted the bail prayers, said Public Prosecutor (PP) M Ibrahim Hossain.

Earlier, the PP also submitted a prayer to the court for granting the law enforcement agencies more time for further investigation into the sedition case.

The court fixed September 7 as the date for hearing on the prayer.

Ramjan Ali, officer-in-charge of Boalia Police Station, lodged the sedition case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court on May 17 and the law enforcing agencies arrested a total of 93 BDR members from Rajshahi BDR sector headquarters and 37 BDR battalion the next day.

## HC bench declines to hear writ of MA Matin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court (HC) bench yesterday declined to hear a writ petition filed by former adviser of the caretaker government Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Matin seeking an order not to harass or arrest him without any specific cause against him.

The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Borhan Uddin also dropped the petition from the cause list of the bench.

The bench, however, told the lawyer for Matin that the petition might be moved to any other bench of this court.

Counsels for both the petitioner and the government said that when the petition was placed for hearing, the HC bench said that they would not entertain this petition for hearing but did not mention any reason for this.

Matin's lawyer Advocate Giasuddin Ahmed told The Daily Star that the police have raided his client's residence in Chittagong although there is no case against him.

"We will move the petition to another bench of the High Court next week," he said.

Deputy Attorney General Mostafa Zaman Islam said MA Matin filed the writ petition apprehending that he might be arrested any time without any specific cause.

## Meat prices re-fixed for Ramadan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday fixed the prices of meat at Tk 210, mutton (khasi) at Tk 300, mutton (bakri) and lamb at Tk 270 and buffalo at Tk 180 during the upcoming Ramadan.

The price of meat of foreign cows was fixed at Tk 190.

The prices were fixed at a meeting between DCC and meat traders at Nagar Bhaban in the city.

The decision would be effective from the first of Ramadan and continue until the 26th of the holy month of fasting.

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka called on the meat traders to follow the prices properly.

He also requested to the traders to keep their shops clean and not to do weight manipulation to avoid mobile court.

Bangladesh Meat Traders Association General Secretary Rabiul Alam said every trader will follow the prices which have been fixed in the meeting and they will hang the chart in every meat shop.

He demanded that the mayor conduct renovation work at Gabtoli cattle market and solve its drainage problem.

He also demanded reduction of taxes in boarder areas to bring cows from India and also reduction of the rate of slaughtering a cow, which was re-fixed Tk 50 from Tk 15.

Rabiul also demanded to increase the number of abattoirs in the city.

Khoka assured the traders of meeting their demands which are under his jurisdiction.



Two children hold placards with a call to stop food adulteration at a human chain programme on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. Citizens' Rights Movement and Seba jointly organised the programme.

## Mugging, gridlock key bar to trades FBCCI leaders tell DMP boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of different business bodies, including Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and Dhaka City Shop Owners Association, yesterday said extortion, mugging and traffic jam are the main obstructions of their businesses.

They said this at a view exchange meeting with DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque at his office at Minto Road in the city ahead of the upcoming Ramadan.

At the meeting, the leaders requested the DMP commissioner to strengthen security measures, including increasing of police patrolling.

Sources said the DMP commissioner requested the business leaders not to hike up the prices of essentials.

FBCCI President Annisul Huq, Vice President Abu Alam Chowdhury and directors Shaikat Haider and Kamal Uddin were present.

## Car owner murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals killed a private car owner and left the body inside the car yesterday at the capital's Airport area.

Identified as Abdul Haque, 38, of Chamurkhan in Uttarkhan used to drive his car to carry students of Milestone School at Uttara on contract basis.

Police said on information they recovered the body around 9:45am near Airport intersection and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for autopsy.

Yesmin said her husband Haque left home with car around 7:30am. She added locals informed her of his death.

Shamsuddin Saleh Ahmed Chowdhury, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Airport Police Station said they suspected Haque was killed over enmity with his previous job at a rent-a-car shop in the area.

Police picked up two persons for interrogation in this connection. OC Ahmed said, adding that Yesmin filed a case with Airport Police Station yesterday.

## JOINT MILITARY EFFORT Moriarty hands over 2 newly built schools at Chilmari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

US Ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty yesterday handed over two newly constructed primary schools to the school authorities at Chilmari upazilahere.

The envoy visited Kurigram to attend the closing programme of the two US-Bangladesh joint military humanitarian assistance exercises.

Since August 1, under the Engineering Capabilities (ENCAP) exercise, US military engineers and Bangladesh Army jointly built two schools -- Char Shakhahati Primary School and Char Radhaballabh Primary School -- at Chilmari.

After handing over the newly built rooms of Char Radhaballabh Primary School at 12:45pm, Moriarty exchanged views with the students and teachers of the school. The US envoy said these joint programmes and exercises would improve the quality of life of thousands of Bangladesh people.

At the closing session at Chilmari Upazila Health Complex, Moriarty said these exercises provide a wonderful forum for Americans to share information and ideas with the Bangladesh military on engineering and medical issues.

## Prof Yunus receives US medal today

REZAUL KARIM

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus will receive the US Presidential Medal from President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony today.

Obama will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to 16 people. Prof Yunus will be the first Bangladeshi to receive the coveted award for his pioneering role in alleviating global poverty.

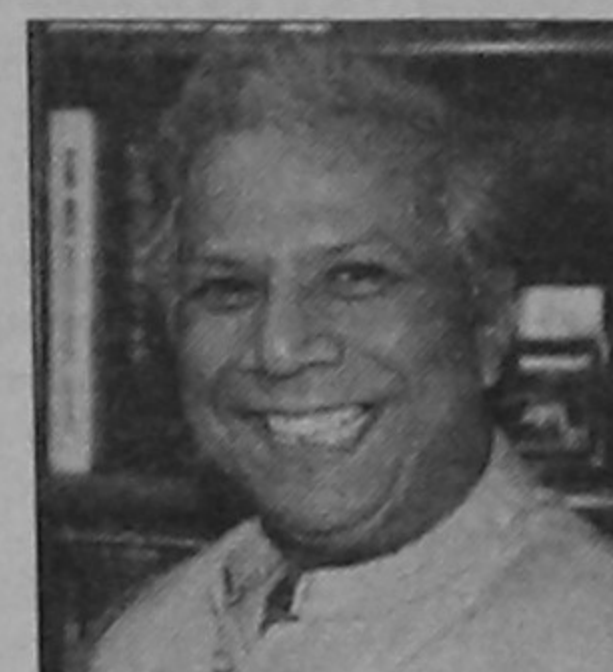
Yunus introduced "micro credit" to provide loans to poor people who don't have collateral.

He founded the Grameen Bank in 1983 in his native Bangladesh to provide low-interest loan to poor people. Yunus was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his work.

The US's highest civilian honour included six women from sports, entertainment, science and government -- a native American war chief, a civil rights leader, an African-American actor, two US lawmakers and a doctor.

According to the White House announcement, the recipients were selected for their works as "agents of change" in the fields ranging from sports and art to science and medicine to politics and public policy and representing a diversity of backgrounds.

The other recipients are: Desmond Tutu, a South African anti-apartheid veteran who won Nobel Peace Prize in 1984; British physicist Stephen Hawking; Obama's political ally Senator Edward M Kennedy; Ireland's first woman president Mary Robinson; Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman justice on the US Supreme Court; US geneticist Janet Davison Rowley; Nancy Goodman Brinker, who founded the global breast cancer grassroots organisation in USA; former tennis pro Billie Jean King; actress,



Prof Muhammad Yunus

dancer and singer Chita Rivera; Pedro Jose Greer, an academic and doctor who works extensively with the poor in Florida; Sidney Pottier, the first African-American to win an Academy Award for best actor; the last living Plains Indian war chief Joseph Medicine Crow; Harvey Milk, the first openly gay official of a major US city; Rev Joseph Lowery, a leader in the civil rights movements since the early 1950s; former Republican lawmaker of New York Jack Kemp will also receive the coveted award.

The medals, representing the nation's highest honour for a civilian, are the first to be awarded by Obama.

President Harry S. Truman established the Medal of Freedom in 1945 to recognise civilians for their efforts during the World War II. President John F. Kennedy reinstated the medal in 1963 to honour distinguished service.

In his recent statement, Obama said: "Each saw an imperfect world and set about improving it, often overcoming great obstacles along the way. Their relentless devotion to breaking down barriers and lifting up their fellow citizens sets a standard to which we all should strive," he added.

## BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE Trial proceedings not before Aug 15 Says chief state counsel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The trial proceedings of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman assassination case will not resume before August 15, as the case summary has yet to be submitted to the Supreme Court, chief state counsel said yesterday.

On August 15, 1975, Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed along with most of his family members by a band of disgruntled army men.

Concise statements on this case will be submitted to the SC within seven working days to prepare for hearing, Anisul Huq said.

Talking to reporters at his chamber at the SC Bar Association, he said he with

other state counsels has prepared the summary on five appeals filed by the defendants against their convictions upheld by the High Court.

"They are now scrutinising the concise statements containing important legal points to ensure that there is no loophole," he added.

He said that after submission of the report, they would submit a prayer to the apex court for a hearing date and then the chief justice would constitute an Appellate Division bench for hearing the appeals.

On August 9, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told the media the hearing of the appeals filed by the convicts would start before August 15.

## Hearing to start soon Law minister tells discussion

DU CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed at a discussion yesterday said the hearing on Bangabandhu murder case would be started at the Appellate Division soon and its verdict be executed without delay.

"It was a failure of the nation that we could not save this great leader [Bangabandhu] and are yet to punish his assassins," he added.

Speaking as the chief guest, the minister vowed to try the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Shafique further said that the government would restore

## KHAGRACHHARI BDR camp withdrawal protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Hundreds of Bangalee settlers yesterday besieged the Chhoto Panchhari BDR camp in Panchhari upazila demanding cancellation of government's decision on withdrawal of the camp as well as army camps from Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

Police said, they made the obstacle at noon while the BDR men were taking preparation to dismantle the camp.

Officer-in-Charge of Panchhari Police Station Iqbal Hasan said around three thousand Bangalees gathered and kept the camp besieged peacefully.

The camp was established in 1987 to ensure law and order in ten bordering villages of the upazila, he said.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sheikh Abdul Kader told The Daily Star that the decamping process came to a halt due to the obstacle. "We are trying to make the people understand that the civil administration including police will ensure their security," he said.

Despite repeated pleas from the local administration the settlers denied to withdraw their barricade till filling of this report at 7:00pm yesterday.

"I will inform the matter to authorities concerned through Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Abdullah," the UNO said.

Acting Commanding Officer of 30 Panchhari BDR Battalion Major Ashraf told the reporters that as per the government's decision they started the demolition work to leave the camp by 5:00pm today.

On July 29, the government announced its decision to dismantle 35 temporary security camps and pull out one brigade of troops from the CHT region by September this year.

## TIPAIMUKH DAM March towards Delhi on Jan 8 next year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tipaimukh Dam Prevention Committee and Sylhet Division Development Action Council announced 'march towards Delhi' from January 8 to 15 next year to protest the construction of Tipaimukh dam, says a press release.

The announcement came after the law enforcers barred their protest march near Zakiganj border in Sylhet on Monday. After being barred by police they held a protest rally there.

The demonstration was moving towards Manipur in India through the border area with participation of several thousands of people.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Razia Shamim, former principal of Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Islamic Women Degree College and wife of group captain late Shamim Hossain, passed away at Combined Military Hospital in the city on Sunday, says a press release.

She left behind son and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Her quikhwani will be held at New DOHS mosque at Mohakhali in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the programme and pray for peace of the departed soul.

## Md Syed Sazzadul Haque

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Syed Sazzadul Haque, former deputy attorney general and a senior lawyer of the Supreme Court, passed away at Square Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 87, says a press release.

He left behind two sons, daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

His quikhwani will be held at his residence in the city after Asr prayers on Friday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed shock at his death. She also prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

## PM helps families of 2 slain staffs of late BDR DG

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Awami League (AL) always stands beside distressed people for humanitarian cause to mitigate their sufferings.

She made the observation while handing over cheques to the family members of two slain domestic staff members of the late DG of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) who was also killed in the massacre during the Feb 25-26 mutiny at the border force's Pilkhana headquarters.

Hasina donated cheques for Tk three lakh each to Chain Banu, mother of late Kalpana Khatun, and Fatema Begum, mother of late Firoz Miah, at her office.

About the Pilkhana carnage, the PM said her government provided all-out support to the families of the victims within its maximum capacity.

She said, "AL also extended support to the affected families of the 21,000 party leaders and workers who were killed by the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government after 2001."

"The party supported all those who were suppressed and persecuted by the four-party government after 2001, as it believes in rights of the people," the PM added.

Establishment and Administration Affairs Adviser to Prime Minister HT Imam, Chief Whip Abdus Shaheed, Prime Minister's Office Secretary Mollah Waheduzzaman and Press Secretary to Prime Minister Abul Kalam Azad were present.



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## Wife's appeal to get back kidnapped husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Housewife Sinthia Kabir Mukta of Bashundhara residential area yesterday made a fervent appeal to all to get back her businessman husband who was kidnapped from in front of their residence one week ago.

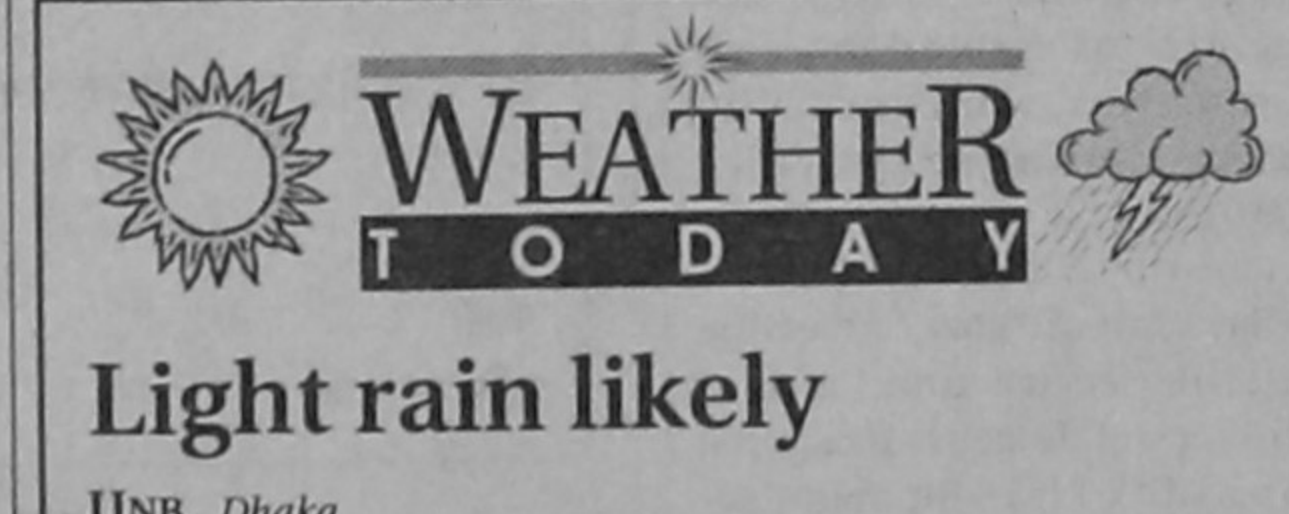
At a press conference at the National Press Club in the city, Mukta said she filed a case with Badda Police Station, accusing seven people of abducting her husband Humayun Kabir on August 4 night.

She alleged that police neither could rescue her husband nor arrested any of the kidnappers.

Mukta suspected that the criminals might have kidnapped her husband following a feud over a piece of land in Paltan area.

The press conference was also attended by the victim's six-year-old daughter and brother Babul Ahmed Talukder.

In a written statement, Mukta said her husband sold five kathas of land out of nine kathas to some buyers. But the buyers claimed that they bought the entire land that resulted in a feud over the land.



UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions at a few places over Rajshahi.

Dhaka, Khulna and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely to occur at places over the country, Met Office said.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 7:35pm today and rises at 6:33am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 25.2 degrees Celsius at Teknaf and Rangamati.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.5	28.7	80	72
Chittagong	31.4	26.9	83	81
Rajshahi	35.5	28.0	83	84
Khulna	33.8	28.0	83	71
Barisal	33.0	27.7	76	84
Sylhet	32.8	26.5	78	97
Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.4	86	86

## DHAKA TODAY

## Workshop

Bangladesh Election Commission and UNDP jointly organise a workshop on "Ninth parliamentary election: A critical appraisal". Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Time: 9:00am.

## Roundtable

Bangladesh Heritage Foundation organises a roundtable on 'Importance of Indo-Bangla cooperation: GBM system and water management. Thinking beyond Tipaimukh'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:00pm.

## Dialogue

Centre for Policy Dialogue organises a dialogue on challenges in implementation of the national budget. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

## Seminar

Ministry of Women and Children Affairs organises a seminar on access to justice for victims of gender-based violence. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 11:00am.

## Roundtable

Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund (BICF) in collaboration with IFC will organise a roundtable on gender in special economic zone. Venue: BICF office, Gulshan. Time: 11:30am.