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BDR to get new name, 3-layer intelligence unit

Reform proposal placed to PM also asks for change in BDR Order, uniform; PM okays new name 'Border Guard Bangladesh'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) will soon become Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) while laws governing the border security force, and its uniform will also see some changes as the prime minister okayed most of the proposals for restructuring the force yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave the go-ahead after BDR Director General (DG) Maj Gen Md Mainul Islam presented

the set of recommendations to her at the Prime Minister's Office.

The new uniform of the border security force will be of 'brown combat colour' while slight changes will also come to the force's insignia, keeping its theme 'Shimante Atondro Prohori' unchanged.

"The prime minister chose the new name from several proposed names. She also chose the brown combat colour for the uniform, and directed to bring slight changes to the BDR insignia," Commerce

Minister Faruk Khan who was present at the meeting told The Daily Star afterwards.

A proposal for changes in the BDR Order 1972, says that serious offences like murder, attempt to murder, looting, and arson, cannot be tried under the law because those offences are not mentioned in it.

Besides, departmentally promoted officers like assistant directors, deputy

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BDR REFERENCE SC appoints 10 amici curiae for opinions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday appointed 10 senior lawyers as amici curiae (friend of court) for their expert opinions on a reference seeking the apex court's view on whether the people charged with mutiny and massacre at the BDR headquarters can be tried under the military law.

The amici curiae are Dr Kamal Hossain, advocate Khondoker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, barrister Rafiqul Haque, advocate TH Khan,

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No security crisis after pullout

Says CHT accord implementation body after meeting in Rangamati

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

The committee on implementation of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord at its first meeting yesterday expressed firm resolve to implement the treaty, signed 12 years ago, allaying security concerns following the withdrawal of temporary army camps from CHT.

"It's our duty to implement the accord fully as soon as possible since the previous Awami League government signed it with the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity," said Committee Convener and Deputy Leader of parliament Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury who chaired the meeting in Rangamati.

The government is working relentlessly towards proper implementation of the peace accord, Sajeda told reporters at a

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CHT ARMY PULLOUT HC vacates its own stay order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday vacated its earlier order that directed the government to suspend withdrawal of troops from Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

It, however, said it expects that the government would not pass any executive order regarding withdrawal of troops from the CHT region until it issues further orders on two petitions it is currently hearing.

The court adjourned until 10:30am today for hearing two

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JS goes into 3rd session on Sept 7

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad will go into session at 11:00am on September 7 with one major business to decide on the recommendations of the all-party parliamentary probe committee to take actions against former speaker, his deputy and former chief whip on charge of corruption.

President Zillur Rahman yesterday summoned the parliament session in an official notification.

It will be the third session of the ninth parliament that began its journey on January 25. The second session was the budget session that was prorogued on July 9.

However, it remains uncertain whether the BNP-led opposition lawmakers will join the upcoming session or

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A truck loads logs on a road in Postagola in the capital yesterday after another truck loaded with these logs had tipped over falling into a deep pothole. The road has been in this state for a few months and every shower just makes it worse.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

TCB dealers get scanty supply

Selling of sugar, edible oil starts at lower rates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) yesterday started sales of basic commodities in the capital with an insufficient supply, which may not be able to have a positive impact on the prices of essentials during Ramadan.

Retailers in city markets said the limited supply would not meet the demand of the consumers. They also complained of a small profit margin for selling these essentials at retail level.

Initially, the TCB started selling 1,000 litres of edible oil and 1,000 kilograms of sugar to each dealer from its warehouses for selling those at fair prices during the month of fasting.

Dealers had to buy edible oil at Tk 73 per litre against the market price of Tk 78 and sugar at Tk 37 against the market price of Tk 43.

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan inaugurated the sales operation at a warehouse in the city's Tejgaon industrial area.

The TCB started the sales operation from its stock of 3,56,136 litres of edible oil and 1,000 tonnes of sugar as the imported goods are yet to arrive from Thailand and Malaysia.

Officials said it would start countrywide sales after the arrival

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Dealership goes to ruling party men

JS body warns of flaws in appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many of the dealers assigned by the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) for selling essentials during Ramadan belong to the ruling Awami League.

TCB Chairman Joynal Abedin however declined to comment on the matter.

Meanwhile, the parliamentary standing committee on commerce ministry said it would ask the authorities concerned to correct the dealership list if there is any flaw in the appointment process.

As per its plan, the state-run organisation began distributing goods among the dealers at a Tejgaon warehouse after Commerce

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Criminals kill elderly woman, adopted child

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An elderly woman and her adopted child were killed at city's Patharghata under Kotwali Police Station on Tuesday night.

The victims were identified as Noorjahan Begum, 70, and her eight-year-old daughter Poppy.

A team of Kotwali police arrested Md Solaiman in this connection at his Foy's Lake residence early yesterday.

While talking to reporters at the police station yesterday morning, Solaiman confessed to stabbing Noorjahan and Poppy to death at around 8:00pm on Tuesday at her (Noorjahan) residence 'Haji Miah Building' in Naju Miah Lane of Patharghata.

He showed no sign of remorse.

Police said Noorjahan, widowed wife of Haji Miah, owned the three-storied building. She also had a number of plots and tin-shed

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WAR CRIME TRIAL Ashraf tells of 'obstacles' from home, abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is facing pressure from different quarters at home and abroad for not trying the war criminals of 1971, LGRD Minister and Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam said yesterday.

"We are facing obstacles in bringing the war criminals to trial...But we are putting in our best efforts to overcome the obstacles," he said at a discussion meeting organised by Sampradikata, Jangibad Birodhi Mancha (a platform against communalism and militancy) at the Jatiya Press Club.

Ashraf, however, did not name the quarters.

He called upon all pro-Liberation War political parties, the media, professionals, the young generation and all people to create public opinion in favour of trying the war criminals across the country and abroad.

"We have to create a congenial atmosphere (for trying the war criminals) by creating public opinion and disclosing documents and papers regarding the war criminals...And participation of the young generation is a must for this," he said.

Ashraf said an ill-motivated quarter has engaged in a conspiracy to misguide the people through confusing statements about trials of the war criminals. "Joint efforts should be made to resist that quarter," he added.

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Ministries meet today on swine flu spread

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health minister today calls an inter-ministerial meeting at the health secretariat amid a worsening swine flu situation in the country counting the number of infected to 74 this week.

The meeting will take place at 9:30am to devise way to control the H1N1 influenza virus, which is responsible for swine flu invasion worldwide.

Government officials from the civil aviation, home affairs, local government, commerce, environment and other ministries will attend the meeting.

The meeting will review current situation following the outbreak of swine influenza and seek measures to strengthen the inter-ministerial coordination

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Mobile court rules go against SC opinion

SC didn't endorse empowering executive magistrates to try electoral offences

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Empowering the executive magistrates to hold trials of people for electoral offences through the newly promulgated mobile court ordinance goes against a Supreme Court opinion.

In line with the government's decision, President Zillur Rahman promulgated the ordinance on July 23 empowering executive magistrates to run mobile courts to maintain law and order and try people for electoral offences.

The general administrative committee of the SC, headed by the chief justice, unanimously decided in December that only experienced judicial magistrates should be engaged to administer justice in cases filed for electoral offences.

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Pirates loot 22 trawlers, abduct 40 fishermen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Pirates looted 22 fishing trawlers and abducted 40 fishermen along the Barguna coast of the Bay of Bengal in the dead of night on Tuesday.

At least 25 fishermen were injured as they came under attack of the band of pirates in Khochikhali area of Sundarban.

Golam Mostafa Chowdhury, president of the Patharghata Fish Warehouse Association, quoting bullet-hit Abdul Jalil of Tangra under Patharghata upazila told The Daily Star the fishermen took shelter at Khochikhali after fishing in the Bay due to gusty wind.

Pirates swooped on them

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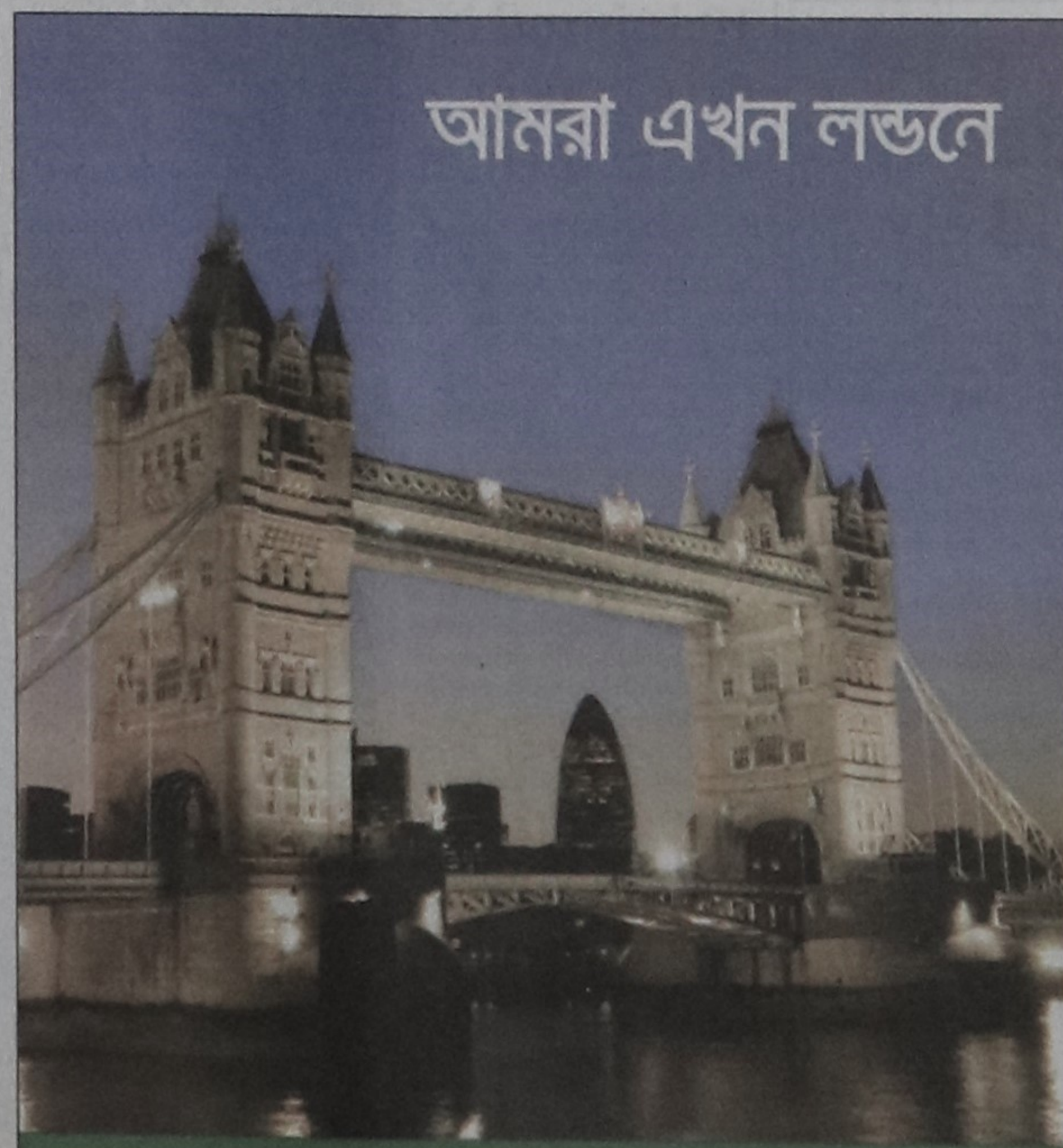
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