



Former chief adviser to a caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman speaks at a discussion at the Brac Centre Inn in the city yesterday. On his right is former finance minister M Syeduzzaman and on his left is Dr Mohammad A Mannan.

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Police to restore old monogram, change uniform

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Bangladesh Police will restore its old monogram before the 'Police Week' to be observed in first week of January and change the colour as well as design of its uniform later.

Assistant Inspector General of Police (supply) Shoaib Ahmed at Police Headquarters told The Daily Star that they would finish restoring the monogram by altering the present one for around 1.30 lakh police before the police week.

They have started the task following a gazette notification published on December 2, he said, adding: "We are not changing the monogram, but are just restoring the old one which was changed by the BNP-led alliance government in 2004."

Police HQ sources said the monogram introduced in 1861 had reflected the nature of the country accurately as it was inscribed

with a boat with sail on it surrounded by a wheat and a paddy sheaves and a blooming water lily on the top.

But the BNP-led four-party alliance government excluded the boat from the monogram presenting the country partially on the logo.

In the monogram, there will be a boat with a sail surrounded by wheat and paddy sheaves and a water lily will be placed on the centre top of the sail while the word 'Police' in Bangla be written below the boat.

The sources said the monogram would be changed from the badges, belts, formation signs on hands, flags of the cops and other necessary articles.

Considering humidity, dust in the air and seasonal change, the authorities concerned have decided to change the pattern and colour of the uniform, they added.

The existing colour of the uniform gets

faded in the sun and rain, causing shabby look of the police in uniform.

In any law enforcement agencies, including Bangladesh Police, smartness in uniform is considered an ingredient of spirit of work. So, if police personnel do not look smart in their dresses, they will not be able to discharge their duties in full swing.

The police HQ sources said they are yet to fix the colour and pattern of the proposed uniform.

However, people from different quarters opined that if such practice of altering police monogram and pattern as well as colour of the uniform is getting changed with the change of the government, the country will have to waste a large amount of money.

All the changes should be made after considering the opinions of the users and experts, they added.

CASE AGAINST GAYESWAR

Hearing on charge framing Jan 7

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed January 7, 2010 for hearing on charge framing against BNP Joint Secretary General Gayeswar Chandra Roy in a case of extortion and concealing wealth information from the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

Judge Mozammel Hossain of the Special Judge Court-3 set the date after Gayeswar's lawyers submitted a petition seeking adjournment of the charge hearing of the case.

Another Dhaka court on October 12 sent Gayeswar to jail after he surrendered before it and sought bail in connection with the same case.

Gayeswar was present in the court during yesterday's hearing.

ACC filed the case with Ramna Police Station against him on January 5 on charges of extorting Tk 2.61 crore and concealing information of his wealth worth Tk 25.95 lakh in his wealth statement.

'March 7 speech one of greatest speeches ever delivered'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday hailed the historic March 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as one of the greatest speeches ever delivered.

Dr Mohammad A Mannan, a history enthusiast, said that had the speech been delivered in English, it would have paved its way into the syllabuses of premier universities across the world.

"Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's contribution to the nation is immeasurable and inestimable. He has always been a beacon of courage and a symbol of hope for all of us," he said.

The discussion on '7000 years of history of ancient India, Mghada and Bengal: Connecting to December 16, 1971' was organised by Dhaka Physics Group at the Brac Centre Inn in the city.

In his presentation, Dr Mannan reflected upon the 7,000-year-long rich history of

the Indian subcontinent in regards to Bangladesh.

He said the sub-continent has produced some of the greatest personalities in the history of the world. And a closer look would reveal that some of the most influential of these personalities were of Bengal origins.

"The first ever barrister from the subcontinent is a Bengali, first ever person from the subcontinent to hold the first spot in the Indian Civil Service (ICS) exams was a Bengali. Even the greatest historian, archaeologist, filmmaker from the subcontinent are all Bengalis," he said.

"Even the bravest and one of the most charismatic Indian leaders of all time Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was also of Bengali origins," he added.

Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former chief adviser to the caretaker government, attended the programme as the chief guest. Former finance minister M Syeduzzaman was also present.

CONTEMPT CHARGE

3 exempted from personal appearance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday exempted Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Zillar Rahman, Inspector General (Prisons) Brig Gen Ashrafur Islam Khan and Jailer of Dhaka Central Jail Mokhesur Rahman from personal appearance before this court in a contempt of court charge.

A bench of Justice Syed Mohammad Dastagir Husain and Justice Md Rais Uddin came up with the order when the three government high officials appeared before it yesterday.

They prayed to the court for exemption from personal appearance in the court.

The court fixed January 3 next year for hearing its rule on four high government officials, including the home secretary.

It issued the contempt of court rule on December 8 against them on charge of not complying with its order for arranging proper treatment for BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu.

The High Court bench yesterday directed the government officials to take steps for proper treatment for Pintu.



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