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Major shake-up in civil admin

17 secretaries transferred, 4 made OSD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major shake-up of the civil administration, the government yesterday reshuffled 21 of its secretaries, four of whom were made officers on special duties (OSD).

The four OSDs are Fisheries and Livestock Secretary Sharfuiddin Alam, Land Secretary Ataharul Islam, Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) Secretary Abdul Malek, and Planning Commission Member Nasir Uddin Ahmed.

Liberation War Affairs Secretary Uzzal Bikas Datta was transferred to the fisheries and livestock ministry, Disaster Management and

Relief Division Secretary Moklesur Rahman was transferred to land ministry, Planning Division Secretary Habib Ullah Majumder was transferred to IMED, Primary and Mass Education Secretary Abu Alam Md Shahid Khan was transferred to the Local Government Division, Local Government and Rural Development Secretary Monjur Hossain was transferred to the Planning Division, Land Reform Board Chairman AKM Abdul Awal Majumder was transferred to the primary and mass education ministry, Information Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury was transferred to the education ministry, and

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Wife alleges threat from killers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahua Noor Kochi, wife of slain Boraigram upazila chairman Sanaullah Noor Babu, yesterday alleged they are receiving threats from the killers following a recent remark made by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"My three daughters and myself are living in anxiety. They cannot attend school while the killers are threatening me not to overdo with the case," she said at a press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital.

The recent widow, sitting

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SANAULLAH BABU MURDER

Cops have evidence of AL men's involvement

Medical report says victim's tendon wasn't severed; main accused Zakir allegedly under MP's shelter

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and BULBUL AHMED

While the Natore Awami League and the local MP are trying to portray the murder of BNP leader Sanaullah Noor Babu as a sequel to BNP's internal feud, the investigators are certain that the ruling party activists had committed the offence.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case Sub-Inspector Abdul Hannan of Detective Branch said he has specific

evidence that proves the involvement of prime accused KM Zakir Hossain and other accused in the killing.

"The fact is clear like daylight. I have enough evidence against the accused but they are now hiding to escape arrests," the IO told The Daily Star, adding that his primary target is to capture the perpetrators.

"How long will they stay in hiding? Once the main accused is caught the others would come out one after

another," he said.

Eyewitnesses of the killing, on condition of anonymity, also spoke against Zakir to The Daily Star.

One such witness said Zakir led a group of around hundred ruling party activists on October 8. When the procession approached the Bonpara Bazar, Zakir's group attacked the rally with sticks and other weapons and beat up the people in the procession at random.

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Chairman of Law Commission resigns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One and a half years before the completion of his tenure, Bangladesh Law Commission chairman Justice MA Rashid resigned yesterday from his office citing personal reason.

He was appointed to the commission on April 21, 2009 for a three-year term.

The government accepted his resignation soon after the



MA Rashid

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CLIMATE VULNERABILITY Bangladesh at highest risk

AFP, Paris

South Asia is the world's most climate-vulnerable region, its fast-growing populations badly exposed to flood, drought, storms and sea-level rise, according to a survey of 170 nations.

Of the 16 countries listed as being at "extreme" risk from climate change over the next 30 years, five are from South Asia, with Bangladesh and India in first and second places, Nepal in fourth, Afghanistan in eighth and Pakistan at 16th.

The Climate Change Vulnerability Index, compiled by a British-based global risks advisory firm, Maplecroft, is intended as a guide for strategic investment and policymaking.

The barometer is based on 42 social, economic and environmental factors, including the responsiveness of government, to assess the risk to population, ecosystems and business from

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Bereaved Mahua Noor Kochi, wife of slain Boraigram upazila chairman Sanaullah Noor Babu, addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Sitting next to her are two of her daughters.

PHOTO: STAR

ARREST RUMOURS SQ Chy's supporters gather at his Ctg house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Around 200 supporters of BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury gathered at his Good's Hills residence in Chittagong on rumours that he might soon be arrested.

There was, however, no such move from the law enforcement agencies as of filing this report at 2:20am.

The rumours began to swirl around the port city after Chowdhury told some journalists over the phone that around a dozen plainclothes

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Regional centre of counter-terrorism in Dhaka next yr

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A regional Counter-Terrorism Centre will be set up in Dhaka with financial and technological assistance from European Union to train people across South Asia to combat terrorism.

The international standard centre will start functioning early next year, said Dr Stefan Frowein, ambassador of EU Delegation to Bangladesh.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, the EU envoy said they will not set up any building for the centre. Renowned counter-terrorism experts from European countries, United States and Canada will train investigators, police and intelligence agency personnel to fight terrorism.

He noted happily that South Asian countries like India and Pakistan agreed with the EU plan to set up the counter-terrorism centre in Bangladesh, which will be the second after the first one in Indonesia.

"We have chosen Bangladesh to host the regional centre

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Govt re-fixes timing for city schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday re-fixed the timing for all public, registered non-government and community primary schools in the capital from 7:30am to 2:15pm.

The new timing will be effective from Saturday, director general of the Directorate of Primary Education Shyamal Kanti Ghosh said.

Contacted, he said the government has taken this decision for the convenience of school-going children. He however could not explain the convenience.

All other primary schools across the country will continue to follow the present

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'DGFI AGENT'

Mahbub trashes Ashraf's claim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Khandaker Mahbub Hossain yesterday countered Syed Ashraf Islam's statement that he (Mahbub) was a DGFI agent and said a number of lawyers, including some pro-Awami League ones, were panel solicitors of the military intelligence and received money from it during the last caretaker rule.

"The government has a list of those lawyers. Let it make the list public if it has that much courage," Khandaker Mahbub told The Daily Star.

The SCBA president said he was the sole president candidate of the pro-AL panel in the election for 2008. But all of a sudden DGFI halted the poll and made current Law Minister Shafique Ahmed a candidate.

"Why Barrister Shafique was made a contender all of a sudden sidelining me though he was not a candidate earlier?" he asked. Shafique won 589 votes, while Mahbub came closest with 431 votes at the two-day voting that ended on April 30, 2008.

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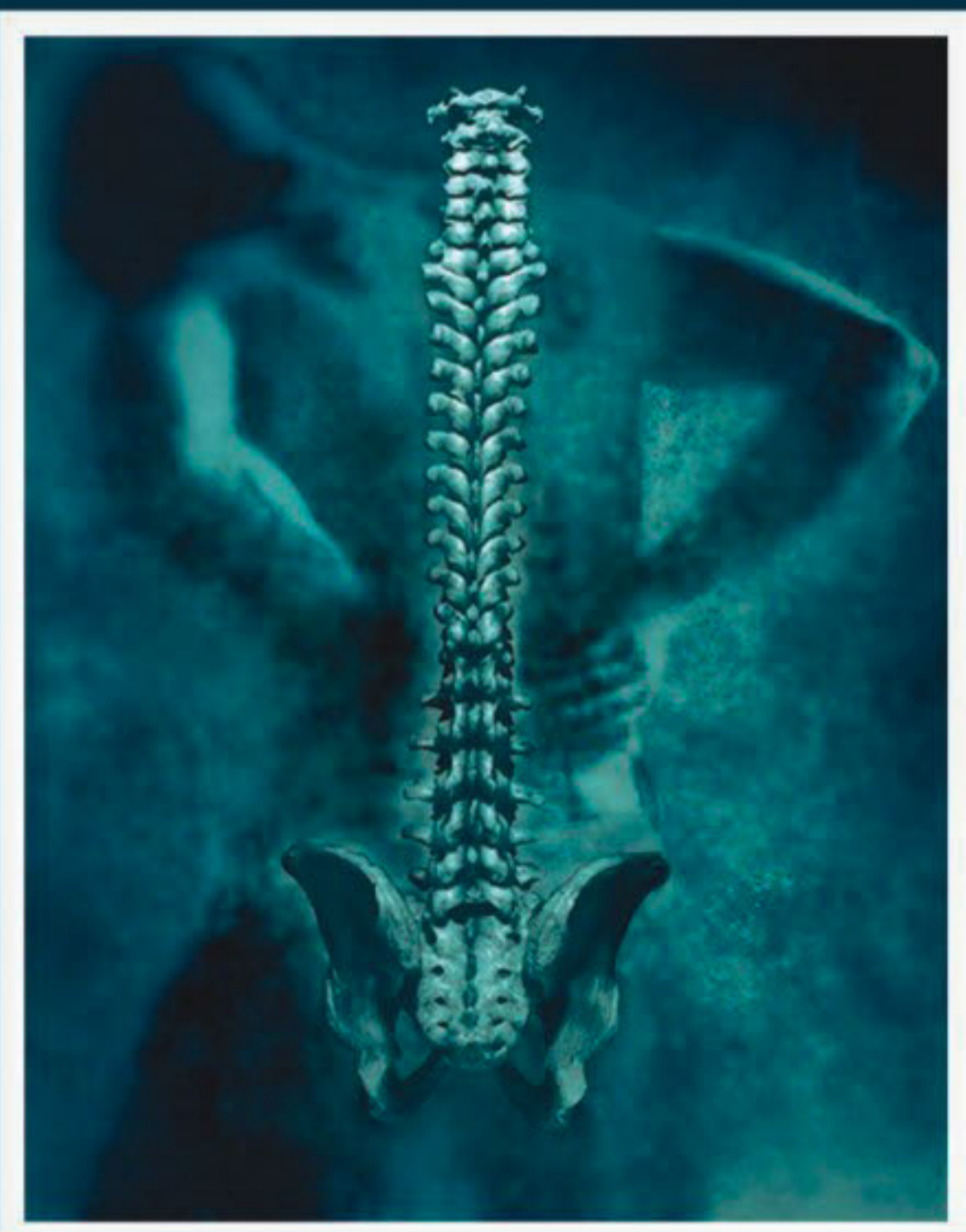
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