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Hasina showed character

Leaked US cable discloses how she ignored intimidation, advice of colleagues to meet furious army officers in Dhaka Cantonment couple of days after bloody BDR mutiny

STAR REPORT

Defying suggestions from her senior cabinet colleagues, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended a gathering of about 500 army officers at Dhaka Cantonment immediately after the 2009 Pikhana carnage to ultimately suffer repeated verbal abuse from some of the officers, a recently leaked US diplomatic cable said. The grievance was so pressing that seven

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina observes one minute's silence at a meeting with the senior army officers at Dhaka Cantonment on March 1, 2009 in memory of armed forces members killed during the BDR mutiny. On her left is the then chief of army staff General Moeen U Ahmed. PHOTO: PTI

Hostile grilling led to deaths

Hasina raised the 'fishy' issue with Gen Moeen

STAR REPORT

Aggressive interrogation techniques employed by young officers from the army, navy, and air force had led to the deaths of some BDR jawans after the February 2009 Pikhana mutiny. Major General Mollah Fazle Akbar, the then director general of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), told the US envoy in Dhaka on May 11, 2009 that several older jawans had died of natural causes or committed suicide while aggressive interrogation techniques by the armed forces officers had led to the deaths of some jawans. As the then US ambassador to Dhaka James F Moriarty

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Army probe wanted to quiz Hasina

STAR REPORT

A military inquiry committee wanted to interrogate Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after the BDR mutiny in 2009, a proposal that annoyed the premier who outright rejected it. Hasina disclosed the matter to the then US ambassador to Dhaka James F Moriarty during a meeting on April 27 that year, reveals a US diplomatic cable published by the whistle-blowing

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No substance in conspiracy claims

STAR REPORT

A week after the 2009 BDR mutiny, Dhaka remained abuzz with several conspiracy theories about who the mastermind was, with some pointing finger at India, some at BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and some at Jamaat-e-Islami, say two US embassy cables released by WikiLeaks. The cables sent to the United States on March 5 and 9, 2009 by the then US ambassador James F Moriarty, say Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on March 3 claimed that more plots were being hatched to topple the government. Her

BNP saw it as its boon

statement was, however, not backed by any credible evidence. On February 25-26 in 2009, jawans took over the then Bangladesh Rifles (now Border Guard Bangladesh) Pikhana headquarters in the capital and killed at least 74 people including 57 army officers. Jatiya Party chief HM Ershad on February 28 that year suggested to the envoy that India was behind the mutiny. Then at a meeting on March 9, he backed off from the claim saying it did not make any sense. "Ershad is extremely plugged-in with the serving military. His backing away

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia no longer intended to work with the Awami League-led government on a response to the BDR mutiny after the government had rebuffed BNP's advances, said a US embassy cable from Dhaka on March 9 quoting BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury. WikiLeaks, an anti-secrecy organisation, published the cable on its website on August 30. In another cable at that time, the then US Ambassador James F Moriarty noted that BNP stalwart Salauddin, who announced suing CNN's India affiliate for reporting his alleged involvement in the mutiny, said army's anger at the government's response to the mutiny had led to

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Men pull rickshaws and pedestrians wade through waist-deep water at Kapasgola in Chittagong yesterday. Many areas of the port city were waterlogged following heavy rain all day long. PHOTO: STAR

Nizami denied bail in arms haul case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court here yesterday denied the bail prayers of Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami and two others in the ten-truck arms haul case. The two others are former general manager (admin) of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited Enamul Hoque and contractor Deen Mohammad. Judge SM Mujibur Rahman of the Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal-1 also ordered the authorities concerned to publish an advertisement in two national dailies, asking two

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এসএমই এন্ড স্পেশাল প্রোগ্রামস্ বিভাগ (মনিটরিং উপ-বিভাগ) বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয় ঢাকা

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয় ও শাখা অফিসসমূহে গঠিত এসএমই মনিটরিং সেল-এর কর্মকর্তাগণের তালিকা

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প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা	জনাব সুকোমল সিংহ চৌধুরী	মহাব্যবস্থাপক	৭১৬৫৩২২	০১৮১৯-৫০২০৯৬
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	জনাব মোঃ মনিরুজ্জামান সরকার	যুগ্ম-পরিচালক	৭১২৬১০১-২০/৩১১৭	০১৮১৯-৪৮৮৬৬১
চট্টগ্রাম অফিস	জনাব মোঃ আবুল বশর	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক	০৩১-৬৩২২৫১	০১৮১৯৬৪১২৮
	জনাব মোঃ সাজিম উদ্দিন	উপ-পরিচালক	০৩১-৬২০৬২৮-৩০/৩৮০	০১৫৫২৩২৫৯৩৪
	জনাব মোঃ আবদুল্লাহ আল-আমিন	সহকারী পরিচালক		০১৭১২৫৭৯৮৩৪
খুলনা অফিস	জনাব শোয়াব চৌধুরী	সহঃ পরিচালক	০৩১-৬২০৬২৮-৩০/৪৫৭	০১৯১১৭৫৬৩৯০
	জনাব এ. বি. এম. সাদেক	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক	০৪১-৮১০৫৩৩	০১৭১৬-০১৯১৪৮
	জনাব মোঃ আমজাদ হোসেন	যুগ্ম-পরিচালক	০৪১-৭৩২৫৩৩	০১৭১৫০৯৯৬৬
রাজশাহী অফিস	জনাব কাজী মাসুম পারভেজ	সহকারী পরিচালক	০৪১-৭৩২৫৩৯	০১৯১১০০৯৫৬
	জনাবা জিন্নাতুল বাকিয়া	মহাব্যবস্থাপক	০৭২১-৭৭৫৭৯২	০১৭৩০৩৩৪৭৯৭
	জনাব আবদুর রহমান প্রামাণিক	যুগ্ম-পরিচালক	০৭২১-৭৭২৯৭১	০১৭৩৫৭৫০৬৯৩
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	জনাব মোঃ রফিকুল ইসলাম	যুগ্ম-পরিচালক	০৫১-৭৮০৯৮/১০৮	০১৭২০৮৯৭৮৭১
সিলেট অফিস	জনাব মোঃ মনোয়ারুল ইসলাম	সহকারী পরিচালক	০৫১-৭৮০৯৮/১৬৫	০১৭১৮৩১৩৬১৮
	জনাব নির্মল চন্দ্র ভক্ত	মহাব্যবস্থাপক	০৮২১-৭১৬২৯৮	০১৭০৩৩২০৯৫
	জনাব প্রনব কুমার দেবনাথ	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক	০৮২১-২৮৩০৫৮১	০১৭১৫১৭১৬৭৯
বরিশাল অফিস	জনাব এ. কে. এম. ফজলুল হক	উপ-পরিচালক	০৮২১-৭২৫০১১-১৫/৪১৬	০১৮১৯-৫৬৪৬৫৬
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	জনাব মোঃ হানিফ হাওলাদার	যুগ্ম-পরিচালক	০৪৩১-৬৪২৪৭	০১৭২৬-৬০০৪৭
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	জনাব নূরুল নাহার	মহাব্যবস্থাপক (ভারস্বাক্ষ)	০৫২১-৬৪২১৮	০১৭২৭১৭৬৭১
	জনাব মোহাম্মদ মোফাজ্জল হোসাইন	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক	০৫২১-৫৪২২৪	০১৭৩১৭৪৮২১৭
জিডি-৩৬৮২	জনাব মোঃ আমিনুল ইসলাম আকন্দ	উপ-পরিচালক	০৫২১-৬৭১৬২, ৬৭১৪৩/৪০৫	০১৭১৫-১৭০০৯৭

উক্ত কর্মকর্তাদের থেকে এসএমই বিষয়ে যে কোন পরামর্শ গ্রহণ ও এসএমই বিষয়ে কোন অভিযোগ থাকলে তা জানানো যেতে পারে।

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Getting close to Kilimanjaro

MUSA IBRAHIM, from Moshi

MA Sattar, at the age of nearly 57, is the eldest of the three-member team who are on a quest to reach the top of Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro. Niaz Patwary and I are just over half his age. Even with this age difference, Sattar treats us as his contemporaries and keeps us entertained with his quirky sense of humour. For example, 'thanks' in Swahili is 'asante'. Sattar has turned that into 'Asad Gate'. This linguistic distortion is not restricted to Swahili; he has turned 'Holiday Inn' into 'Holding Limited', because to him every sign in Dhaka seems to have those two words added to it. Then there is his constant worrying about his family back home, often telling us to call or email his family. This after 25 years of marriage, which he explains by quoting John Keats: "Short absence quickens love, long absence

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GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS INDEX Bangladesh slips 1 notch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's global competitiveness has slipped by one place to 108th out of 142 this year, according to the yearly report of World Economic Forum (WEF). This is the second time in a row the country stepped down from its position. Inadequate infrastructure is mainly responsible for the fall, says Global Competitiveness Report 2011-12 released globally yesterday. The other factors which discourage trade in Bangladesh include corruption, inefficient government bureaucracy, policy instability, inflation and little access to financing. Bangladesh was in 106th place in the WEF's ranking in 2009 when the country jumped five positions up. The WEF said Asia's rise to economic prominence has been accompanied by remarkable dynamism in terms of competitiveness. Over the past five years, several countries in the region including China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka have made important progress in the global competitiveness ranking. Yet the disparities in terms of competitiveness within the region are unique, ranging from Singapore at the second place to Timor-Leste at 131st.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think without Teesta water sharing treaty, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Sing's visit to Dhaka will be fruitful?

Yes (15.5%)
No (82.5%)
No Comments (2.0%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the Teesta water sharing issue will be resolved soon?

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