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**ARMY'S ROLE IN FAKHRUDDIN-LED CARETAKER GOVT**

**Advisers acted differently**

STAR REPORT

Mainul Husein, law adviser to the past army-backed caretaker administration, was exceptionally frank in acknowledging the military's leading role in the government affairs while other advisers including the chief adviser studiously avoided saying the M-word.

The then US ambassador Patricia A Butenis wrote it in a cable, recently released by WikiLeaks, after holding separate meetings with Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, Mainul and other advisers.

"The chief adviser was smooth and business-like in making the government's case for far-reaching reforms. During the 45-minute meeting, there was not even an indirect reference to the military role in his government's creation and operation," Butenis wrote in another cable on January 29, 2007.

She wrote the cable sent to Washington after the meeting with the then chief adviser the same day.

A day before meeting the chief adviser, Butenis met Mainul and wrote a cable on the meeting on January 31.

In some other cables, the US embassy, however, reveals how the military was consolidating its role in the affairs of the caretaker government installed on January 12, 2007, a day after the declaration of the state of emergency.

The US diplomat, Geeta Pasi in March 2007 in a cable said the

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**UN GEN ASSEMBLY PM flies to NY today**

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for New York today to attend the 66th United Nations General Assembly.

An Emirates flight carrying the premier will take off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 9:30pm.

Hasina is scheduled to land at John F Kennedy International Airport tomorrow at 2:15pm (local time). She will have a stopover at Dubai International Airport for

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**BANGABANDHU AIRPORT Char Janajat picked as priority site**

*Sirajdikhan of Munshiganj also under consideration*

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader has picked two sites from a list of four suggested by a cell for constructing a new international airport.

The minister asked the cell to give priority to the site at Char Janajat of Shibchar upazila in Madaripur for the project, said officials at the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

The other site is in Keyain of

Sirajdikhan in Munshiganj.

The directives came after Joint Secretary Joynal Abedin Talukder, chief of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib International Airport Construction Cell, made a presentation on the four sites at the VIP lounge of Shahjalal International Airport on September 8.

The minister instructed the cell chief to conduct a pre-feasibility study on Char Janajat and Keyain, and submit a report to

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**SIT-IN ON EID DAY Road safety campaigners under watch**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Intelligence agencies, on instructions of the prime minister, are collecting information about the key organisers of the Eid day rally for road safety at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Hundreds of people had joined the rally, part of a civic movement, to press home a seven-point demand including resignation of the communications minister.

Columnist Syed Abul Maksud has been leading the movement from August 24 following the demise of noted filmmaker Tareque Masud and media personality Mishuk Munier in a road crash on August 13.

Members of the intelligence agencies have already visited the building, in one of whose apartments the columnist lives. They talked to him and guards of the building and enquired about his car, driver and other personal details of him.

"It is really unfortunate that we are under intelligence agencies' watch. We are not against the government or the prime minister but irregularities and mismanagement," said Abul Maksud.

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This road with huge potholes in the capital's Mohammadpur area has become almost impassable. It has remained in such a sorry state for the last one year.

PHOTO: STAR

**Suspect denies organ trade**

EMRAN HOSSAIN and KONGKON KARMAKER, from Joypurhat

Hours after his arrest for alleged links with human organ trade, Nafiz Mahmud said his organisation, Columbia Asia Healthcare, has nothing to do with the illegal trade.

Nafiz, the "country manager" of Columbia Asia Healthcare, at a press briefing yesterday at the office of Joypurhat Superintendent of Police, claimed that his organisation helped six to seven kidney transplants that took place in India. He also claimed that all the donors were very close kin of the organ recipients.

The police insist that Nafiz is involved in organ trade and they cite statements of people who have been arrested earlier in this connection.

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**LIVER TRANSPLANTS Labaid seeks time to submit documents**

EMRAN HOSSAIN and KONGKON KARMAKER from Joypurhat

Labaid Specialized Hospital has failed to provide investigators with documents on two liver transplants, police say.

"When asked for the papers, they [the hospital authorities] sought a couple of days' time," Kalai Police Station Officer-in-Charge F Karim said

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**ASSAULT OF PABNA GOVT OFFICIALS**

**All accused cleared of charges by cops**

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

All the Awami League men, who allegedly assaulted government officials in Pabna during a recruitment test exactly a year ago, are set to be acquitted of the charges.

Masum Billah, investigation officer of the case, has recently submitted the final report to the court, stating the allegations against the 33 accused, all Awami League, Jubo League and Chhatra League men, could not be proven for lack of witness.

"During the investigation, nobody mentioned the names of the accused involved with the incident. Therefore, the final report was submitted recommending their acquittal," Masum Billah told The Daily Star.

A Pabna court on September 29 will decide on whether to accept the report, which was placed in May.

On September 17 last year, more than 100 Jubo League and Chhatra League

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**Local fishermen caught this Gangetic dolphin in the Padma river in Manikganj on Thursday. Most fishermen don't have any knowledge about this endangered species that is affected by human use of the river systems and a decrease in river depth.**

PHOTO: STAR

**বাংলাদেশ প্রেস ইনস্টিটিউট**

**ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

**সাংবাদিকতায় স্নাতকোত্তর ডিপ্লোমা কোর্স ২০১১-২০১২**

বাংলাদেশ প্রেস ইনস্টিটিউট (পিআইবি) জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীনে সাংবাদিকতায় স্নাতকোত্তর ডিপ্লোমা কোর্সের ২০১১-২০১২ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ভর্তির জন্য উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের কাছ থেকে আবেদন আহ্বান করছে।

১। আবেদনকারীর যোগ্যতা:

উচ্চশিক্ষার জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বা বীকট অন্য যে-কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে স্নাতক স্নাতক ডিগ্রী এক এসএসসি থেকে স্নাতক পর্যন্ত যে কোন স্ট্রীট পরীক্ষায় কমপক্ষে দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/বিভাগ-৩ গ্রেড গ্রাড হতে হবে।

সংবাদপত্রের যে-কোন পদমাধ্যম/জনসংযোগ/বিজ্ঞানের কর্মরতদের আবেদনকারী হওয়া হবে।

\* লিখিত পরীক্ষা: ০২ অক্টোবর, ২০১১ রোববার সকাল ১০টা।

২। আসন সংখ্যা: সর্বমোট ৫০টি

৩। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে:

ক। এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষার নম্বরপত্র ও সনদপত্র।

খ। স্নাতক/ডিগ্রী পরীক্ষার নম্বরপত্র ও সনদপত্র।

গ। শিক্ষাগ্রহণের প্রার্থন কর্তৃক সর্বশেষ পরীক্ষা পাসের প্রমাণপত্র।

ঘ। সংবাদপত্র, বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থা ও অন্যান্য পদমাধ্যম প্রতিষ্ঠানে সাংবাদিকতা ও জনসংযোগ সফটওয়্যার পেশায় নিয়োজিত প্রার্থীদের কোর্সে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য সফটওয়্যার কন্ট্রোল নম্বরপত্র।

৩। সত্য তোলা ৪ (চার) কপি পাসপোর্ট আকারের সত্যায়িত ছবি।

৪। নির্দিষ্ট শিক্ষার্থীদের ১৬,০০০.০০ (ষোল হাজার) টাকা ভর্তি ফি প্রদান করতে হবে।

৫। অগ্রাধিকার প্রার্থীদের আগামী ২৯ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১১, বৃহস্পতিবারের মধ্যে অফিস সময়ে নগদ ২৫০.০০ (দুইশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা জমা দিয়ে ভর্তি ফর্ম সজ্ঞা ও জমা দিতে অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে। বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য যোগাযোগ করুন: সমন্বয়কারী (ফোন: ৯৩৩০০৮৫, ০১৮১১০১৬৭০০) অথবা যুগ্ম সমন্বয়কারী (০১৭১৭২২০১৬) সাংবাদিকতায় স্নাতকোত্তর ডিপ্লোমা কোর্স একাডেমিক কর্মিটি, বাংলাদেশ প্রেস ইনস্টিটিউট।

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Do you think Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain's invitation to TIB to investigate irregularities in the communications ministry is justified?

Yes (37.9%)  
No (56.1%)  
No Comments (5.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 253

**TODAY'S POLL**

The government has decided to allow opening more private banks. Do you think it's a good decision?

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