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# Suranjit is back

Govt makes him minister without ministry hours after his ouster; twisted version given in railwaygate probe; driver still missing



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a dramatic move, the government yesterday made Suranjit Sengupta a minister without portfolio, just a day after he stepped down as railway minister amid the railwaygate scandal.

The government issued a handout in this regard yesterday but it neither said anything about Suranjit's announcement of resignation nor rejected media reports that he had been made to quit.

"With the authority vested in her under article 3 (IV) of the Rules of Business 1996, the prime minister has appointed Suranjit Sengupta as minister without portfolio, relieving him of the charge of the railway ministry," said a Press Information Department hand-out last night.

A minister without portfolio holds charge of no ministry but enjoys all facilities of a minister, and can be given a portfolio whenever the prime minister wants.

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A recent photo shows a loaded truck operates in Bangabandhu Avenue area of Dhaka, although trucks, covered vans or any other goods vehicles are not allowed on roads of the capital from 8:00am to 9:00pm except for holidays. Inset, at Gabtoli a notice of Dhaka Metropolitan Police clearly reads the restriction.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## Amini's revelation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He did not say whether the revelation came to him in his dream.

Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Fazlul Haq Amini yesterday said Suranjit Sengupta, who announced his stepping down as rail minister amid the Tk 70 lakh scandal, has been "punished" for "anti-Islam" activities.

Amini, also a key leader of the BNP-led four-party alliance, came up with this theory during a press conference at his Lalbagh office, Dhaka.

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## No attention to resignation

Sohel Taj asks govt why he is being paid, why around Tk 40 lakh deposited in his account in salaries, perks for 33 months

HASAN JAHIID TUSHER

Former state minister for home Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj, who tendered his resignation in June 2009, has demanded that the government take back around Tk 40 lakh deposited in his account in remuneration and allowances for the post.

Talking to The Daily Star over the phone from the US, he questioned why such a huge amount of money was sent to his



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## Destiny plea against BB report rejected

Commerce ministry for separate commission to probe MLM fraud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected a writ petition filed by Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd challenging the Bangladesh Bank report that raised allegations against the company of illegal banking.

The court termed the petition premature as the central bank has not taken any action against Destiny.

Meanwhile yesterday, the commerce ministry recommended

forming a separate commission to investigate the fraudulence of the multi-level marketing company Destiny and its subsidiaries.

Md Rafiqul Amin, chairman of the cooperative, on April 8 filed the writ petition seeking an HC stay order on the central bank report.

He also demanded a rule upon the government and the bank to explain the legality of the report.

The petition said the report was faulty and illegal since the BB had

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## It's none but Kamal decides

Board directors against Pak tour over security

MOHAMMAD ISAM

The intention of AHM Mustafa Kamal, the Bangladesh Cricket Board president, has been to singularly direct the Bangladesh cricket team to Pakistan later this month, and by all accounts it will remain a solo mission after a group of BCB directors said it would be unwise to send the team.

In a meeting of the cricket operations committee held at the board headquarters yesterday, the key discussion centred on the short trip to a country where international cricket has not been played for the past three years.

Seeking anonymity, a board director told The Daily

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## Latifur wins Business for Peace Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leading businessman Latifur Rahman has won the prestigious 2012 Oslo Business for Peace Award for maintaining

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## Correction

In our yesterday's report headlined "None resigned voluntarily", we had included former industries minister Zahiruddin Khan's name



among those who were asked to resign. But following further checking facts we have come to know that he resigned on his own shouldering the responsibility of fertiliser crisis. We stand corrected.

## Driver kills housewife

Injures domestic help, loots valuables

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A driver allegedly stabbed his employer's wife dead, injured the domestic help and fled with cash and gold ornaments from their flat in the capital's Gulshan yesterday.

The victim Saima Sultana, 40, was

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Saima Sultana

## CTG RAILWAY Suspension of recruitment protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Around one hundred people who have got appointment letters for trade apprentice posts in Railway's east zone yesterday protested the suspension of recruitment process.

They staged a three-

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