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FACEBOOK CONTACT Indian army officer faces charges

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

An officer of the Indian Army is facing charges of establishing unauthorised contacts on the Facebook with a woman, who is suspected to be an agent of Pakistan intelligence agency ISI.

The same woman, whom the Indian army sources claimed to be Bangladeshi, had earlier honey-trapped another Indian officer in Dhaka last year.

The Armoured Corps Lt Col deployed in Suratgarh district of Rajasthan is facing a Court of Inquiry (CoI) for allegedly establishing Facebook contacts with the woman, army sources said.

They said the CoI was

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Buet plunges into crisis

Deans of all faculties, heads of depts, institutes resign en masse protesting 'irregularities'; Syndicate for judicial probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Heads of all faculties, institutes and departments of Buet yesterday resigned en masse expressing no-confidence in the university administration over "irregularities" in promotions and appointments.

They submitted a resignation letter at the VC's office, hours after the teachers began an indefinite sit-in to press home their demands that include the resignations of the vice-chancellor and the pro-vice-chancellor.

The deans of five faculties, directors of three institutes and chairmen of 17 departments of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology signed the letter addressed to the vice-chancellor.

Those who quit their posts, however, still remain in the institution as faculty members and will continue to take part in the ongoing agitation under the banner of Buet Teachers' Association.

The resignations came a day after the Buet authorities declared a 44-day vacation amid teachers-students

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Teachers, students, and employees of Buet hold a rally in front of its administrative building in Dhaka yesterday demanding resignation of the VC and pro-VC.

PHOTO: STAR

No discord between dist admin, cops

Claims PM's adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Prime Minister's public administration affairs adviser HT Imam yesterday claimed that good relations existed between the deputy commissioners and police although the DCs complained of police non-cooperation at a closed-door meeting with the premier on Tuesday.

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No farmland to be left after 90 years!

Minister warns against rapid conversion of arable land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If conversion of the country's cultivable land continues at the current rate, no agricultural land would be left in 90 years' time, Land Minister Rezaul Karim Hira said yesterday.

Citing a study of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, he gave the warning.

Addressing the conference of deputy commissioners (DCs) at the Cabinet Division in the capital, the minister asked the DCs to save public land from encroachment and arable land from other uses.

The government would formulate a law, once the ongoing land zoning project was completed, Hira told the deputy commissioners.

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Road repair must be done before Eid

Quader asks DCs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday directed the deputy commissioners (DCs) to tackle traffic congestion and chaos on the roads and highways ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr to scale down woes of the commuters.

Castigating the DCs and the Roads and Highways Department

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Go tough against food adulterators

DCs asked to strengthen market monitoring to check profiteering ahead of Ramadan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commerce Minister GM Quader instructed the deputy commissioners yesterday to take "drastic and exemplary" action against food adulterators and profiteers in basic food business.

The minister advised the DCs to include the local elite in the market monitoring teams to check syndicates, which often disrupt the supply chain and create artificial crises of basic commodities in order to make high profit.

Sometimes the syndicates of local traders attack even the executive magistrates during market visits, he said, adding: "If the local elite accompany the

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India eyes military drone by 2016

STAR REPORT

If everything goes as planned, India will have unmanned drone in its arsenal by 2016, according to a report of India's weekly news magazine India Today.

India's Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) is aiming to deliver the highly complex stealth bomber to the Indian Air Force (IAF) in

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POWER STRUGGLE IN EGYPT Morsi to respect court ruling on parliament

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi will respect a court ruling overturning his decree for the dissolved Islamist-dominated parliament to convene, his office said yesterday amid a power struggle with the military.

The statement appears aimed at mollifying an infuriated judiciary, which has

been placed at the forefront of the complex struggle between powerful generals adjusting to their new Islamist president.

"If yesterday's constitutional court ruling prevents parliament from fulfilling its responsibilities, we will respect that because we are a state of the law," the statement said, a day after the court froze

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