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Lucky new 7

Tofail, Menon, Inu, MK Alamgir, Mujibul Haque, Omor Faruk & Abdul Hye set to become ministers

HASAN JAHID TUSHER and RASHIDUL HASAN

With only a year left for the government before its term ends, some senior leaders of the Awami League-led 14-party alliance, notably Tofail Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Haque Inu, and Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, are set to become ministers today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is also to reshuffle the cabinet by incorporating seven new faces. Whip Mujibul Haque,

Awami League lawmakers Omor Faruk Chowdhury of Rajshahi-1 constituency and Abdul Hye of Jhenidah-1 are also set to join the cabinet.

She finalised the names after consulting with a few senior leaders and ministers of her party and the government. As in earlier times, Sheikh Hasina talked about the cabinet expansion with President Zillur Rahman on Monday evening, said sources.

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SWINDLE AT SONALI BANK

After Tanvir, it is Gautam

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

If it is so easy to make a fast buck through banks, why would Gautam Kumar Mitra sit idle?

Like Tanvir Mahmud of Hall-Mark, Green Printers Chief Executive Officer Gautam played a game with the same bank, but in a different branch in the capital.

He opened inland letter of credit, known as ILC, for procurement of yarn and other accessories from the local market and took acceptance in these bills by the Sonali Bank's Agargaon branch. He then sold those bills to other banks and pocketed Tk 53 crore, which Sonali Bank is liable to pay to other banks.

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West Bengal uses 35pc of Teesta water

Indian secy sees no merit in Mamata's no-sharing policy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's West Bengal state did not use more than five percent of Teesta river water for irrigation, Water Resources Secretary Dhruv Vijay Singh said

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IMF concerned

Wealth of Hall-Mark boss, tax status unclear; anti-graft body to interrogate 31 more Sonali officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) yesterday inquired about the Hall-Mark loan scam and asked the central bank to be watchful in preventing such swindles in future.

Bangladesh Bank (BB), trying to allay the concerns of the global lender, said it was not a banking crisis but rather an untoward incident that happened at a single branch of a state-run bank.

The inquiry came when an IMF team, led by David

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An armed man waves his rifle as buildings and cars are engulfed in flames after being set on fire inside the US consulate compound in Benghazi, Libya late on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

ROCKET ATTACK IN LIBYA

US envoy killed

Islam-insulting film by Israeli-American reported as reason behind offensive; Obama condemns; Dhaka shocked; film vexes Vatican

STAR REPORT

Washington's envoy to Libya and three other Americans were killed when a mob angered over a movie mocking Islam stormed the US consulate in Benghazi on late Tuesday, sparking world outrage.

US President Barack Obama

branded the attack as "outrageous" and ordered increased security at US diplomatic posts worldwide.

"I strongly condemn the outrageous attack on our diplomatic facility in Benghazi, which took the lives of four Americans, including

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J Christopher Stevens

JOBS IN MALAYSIA

Recruitment thru' states

Dhaka, KL agree to ignore middlemen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur yesterday decided to go for state arrangements for recruitment of Bangladeshi workers by Malaysia, putting aside the long involvement of private manpower agencies and brokers in the process.

"One policy decision that we made is the new process of recruitment will be on a government-to-government basis," Malaysian Human Resources Minister Dr S Subramaniam told journalists in Dhaka yesterday.

Its objective is to avoid all the problems faced before and to ensure that the workers are not exploited by unscrupulous middlemen, he said following a meeting with Bangladesh Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain.

Subramaniam led a 10-member delegation from his country and Mosharraf led the Bangladesh team at the meeting held at Probashi Kalyan Bhaban in the capital. The delegation arrived yesterday morning.

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Dr S Subramaniam

Road bridge, if need be

PM tells JS on Padma project funding

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing her government's firm determination to construct the Padma bridge, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told parliament that if better funding was not available, the government would build only the road bridge, excluding rail facilities, with its own money in the interest of quick construction.

"We picked a design for

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Remain alert, maintain peace at universities

Nahid asks vice chancellors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday asked vice-chancellors of all public universities to remain alert and prevent the recurrence of instability on campus.

Following recent clashes in Dhaka and Rajshahi universities and demonstrations in Buet and Jahangirnagar University the minister voiced his concern regarding the academic atmosphere of the institutions.

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