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No, thanks!

Tofail, Menon decline to be ministers; MK Alamgir, Inu, 5 little-known others take oath

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expanded her council of ministers by inducting seven new members -- most of them little known

public figures except for Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir and Hasanul Haque Inu -- with many wondering about the reasons behind the move.

The new cabinet members -- five of them full ministers and two minis-

ters of state -- were sworn in by President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the afternoon.

The five ministers are Inu, SEE PAGE 19 COL 5 SEE EDITORIAL

Govt using antibiotics to stay alive Says Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday termed the cabinet expansion "government's final

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Strong signal sent out

RASHIDUL HASAN

Tofail Ahmed and Rashed Khan Menon's negative response to the offer of berths in the cabinet is a clear hint of a lack of confidence in the Awami League's style of governance.

A similar notion came from the Jatiya Party (JP) four to five months ago, when the Awami League offered to make JP chief HM

Ershad a special envoy of the prime minister and two of his party leaders ministers.

However, neither the AL nor its key ally, the Jatiya Party, made the rift public.

On his unwillingness to become a minister, veteran Awami League politician Tofail Ahmed yesterday told the media that he could not accept such a responsibility at this moment. SEE PAGE 7 COL 4



Four hours of fire, chaos

CNN ONLINE

Inside a safe room of the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya, ambassador Chris Stevens took cover with two other foreign service officers.

Just minutes earlier, a group of heavily armed

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US missions attacked in Yemen, Egypt

Protester 'shot dead' in Sanaa; Obama vows justice for ambassador killing; Hillary calls anti-Islam film disgusting

AGENCIES

Demonstrators attacked the US embassies in Yemen and Egypt yesterday in protest at an anti-Islam film and American warships headed to Libya after the death

of the US ambassador there in related violence earlier in the week.

Hundreds of Yemeni demonstrators broke through the main gate of the heavily MORE ON PAGE 7 SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

MIGRATION COST FOR KL

Tk 40,000 a worker

Media told after discussion with Malaysian minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi workers will have to spend a maximum of Tk 40,000 each for jobs in Malaysia that resumes recruitment under state arrangements in a few months, ending a nearly four-year ban.

"This is an indicative cost that would not be more than Tk 30,000 to 40,000," expatriates welfare minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain said yesterday.

Mosharraf and Malaysian Human Resources Minister Dr S Subramaniam addressed a press conference at Probashi Kalyan Bhaban in Dhaka following a two-day discussion on a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on labour recruitment.

Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur will sign the MoU in one and a half months after a joint drafting committee finalises it and the Malaysian cabinet approves it, Subramaniam said.

The Malaysian Human Resources Ministry will list the SEE PAGE 6 COL 6

OVERDUE BILLS

Scam-hit Sonali seeks time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cash-strapped Sonali Bank at a meeting yesterday sought extra time to honour overdue bills worth about Tk 725 crore against local and foreign letters of credit (LC).

The meeting was attended by chief executive officers (CEOs) of all commercial banks with Bangladesh Bank Governor Atiur Rahman in chair.

One of the reasons for the state-run bank's liquidity crunch is the Tk 3,606-crore loan swindling by Hall-Mark Group from its Ruposhi Bangla branch.

A big chunk of the money was embezzled through bill acceptance and purchase of local and foreign LC.

Some dishonest Sonali Bank officials were in direct collusion with customers who used the LC as a tool to take the cash out.

Although there were various issues to discuss, the loan scam dominated the talks and was discussed for more than two hours, a BB official said on condition of anonymity.

All CEOs agreed to the Sonali Bank managing director's request for more time to pay the overdue bills, BB Deputy Governor SK Sur Chowdhury told reporters after the meeting. SEE PAGE 19 COL 3 BANKS' DUES RISE TO TK 2,976CR ON B1



Yemeni protestors break a door of the US Embassy with a pole after ripping off the metal plaque yesterday. PHOTO: AP

5 DESTINY HIGH-UPS Bail cancelled, bail reinstated

COURT CORRESPONDENT

After a Dhaka Court judge Wednesday cancelled bail of five Destiny Group officials accused of money laundering, another judge of the court in a surprising move granted them bail yesterday.

And this too came after another anomaly.

On August 6, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM)

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CARETAKER GOVT Full verdict in a few weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court might release the full text of its judgment on scrapping the caretaker government system within a few weeks, as former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque signed it yesterday.

After signing the judgment, Justice Khairul sent it to the office of the present SEE PAGE 19 COL 8