

Maintain chain of command

President tells army high-ups

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday asked all army officers of the ranks of major general and above to play constitutional role through maintaining chain of command within the force.

"You are the highest level of officers in Bangladesh Army, it is a must to play constitutional responsibility through maintaining chain of command properly," he told the Generals' Conference of Bangladesh Army at the officers' mess at Dhaka Cantonment.

Chief of Army Staff General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan gave the welcome speech while Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Tarig Ahmed Siddique was present. All lieutenant generals and major generals of the Bangladesh Army attended the conference.

The president, who is also Supreme Commander of Armed Forces, said dynamic leadership, respect to each other and firm confidence towards leadership of the generals would make important contribution in development and advancement of the Bangladesh Army.

The responsibilities of maintaining internal discipline of the force, including

all the cantonments as well as ensuring development of army have been bestowed upon you," he said, adding, "You will keep a watchful eye at every level from the general soldier to the highest rank," he said.

Pointing out the "Forces Goal-2030" taken in line with the defence policy, he said, "I firmly believe that Bangladesh Army would be built into a modern and skilled force after implementation of this workplan."

The president thanked the Bangladesh Army for contributing in national development, including infrastructure construction, preparing voter identity cards and improving disaster preparedness.

Earlier in another ceremony, State Minister for Liberation War Affairs ABM Tajul Islam adorned Victory Day Commemoration Pin to the president while the army chief handed over Victory Day Commemoration Crest on the theme of this year's Victory Day.

For the first time this year, the Bangladesh Army and the liberation war affairs ministry have selected a theme titled "Bijoy theke Bijoyee" (victory to victory) to celebrate this year's Victory Day.

PARAG ABDUCTION CASE

Al-Amin confesses using his motorbike

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Al-Amin, an accused in Parag Mondol abduction case, confessed before a judicial magistrate that he was driving the motorbike used to abduct Parag.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Taibul Hasan recorded Amin's statement and later ordered to send him to jail.

The court also sent three others accused -- Rijvi Ahmed Anik, Abul Kashem and Alfaz Hossain -- to jail after they were produced before it on completion of their 10-day remand.

In his confessional statement, Amin told the magistrate that he was involved in the abduction of the minor boy.

Jubo League leader Aminul Haque Molla, another accused, was being interrogated in police custody while three others had confessed their involvement in the abduction.

Amir Hossain, mastermind behind the abduction, was arrested from Tongi area on Saturday after a 'shootout' with police. He is now under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

With Amir's arrest, the number of people detained in connection with the abduction stands at 11.

On November 11, armed criminals abducted Parag near his house in Keraniganj and shot his mother, sister and their driver in the process.

RESTORATION OF CARETAKER GOVT SYSTEM

BNP warns of announcing tough programme tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 18-party alliance leaders yesterday said the alliance might come up with "tough programmes" like hartal and blockade if the government did not accept in principle its demand for restoring the caretaker government system before its mass rally tomorrow.

"We have not announced tough programmes so far considering people's sufferings. But for the sake of the people, we will be bound to declare harsh programmes like hartal and blockade at the November 28 mass rally," BNP standing committee member MK Anwar told reporters while distributing leaflets in favour of the rally at the capital's Dainik Bangla intersection.

He also said the alliance would not go for any stern political programmes if the government agreed to sit with the opposition regarding their demand for restoring the caretaker government system.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is scheduled to announce the 18-party

alliance's next course of action at the mass rally.

The opposition alliance however was yet to get permission from the police authority to hold the mass rally in front of the BNP head office in Nayapaltan, party sources said.

Talking to reporters yesterday, BNP standing committee member Mirza Abbas confirmed that they did not get the permission yet to hold the November 28 rally. "We will try till the last moment to get the permission from police," he said. "The BNP-led alliance is ready to organise the rally at any cost," he added.

A number of the BNP-led 18-party alliance leaders, including Moudud Ahmed, Mirza Abbas, ASM Hannan Shah, Dr Moin Khan and Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, yesterday distributed leaflets among people of all walks of life at different parts of the city to urge them to join the rally. The opposition leaders were making their last moment efforts to make tomorrow's mass rally a success.

Dr Milon Day today

UNB, Dhaka

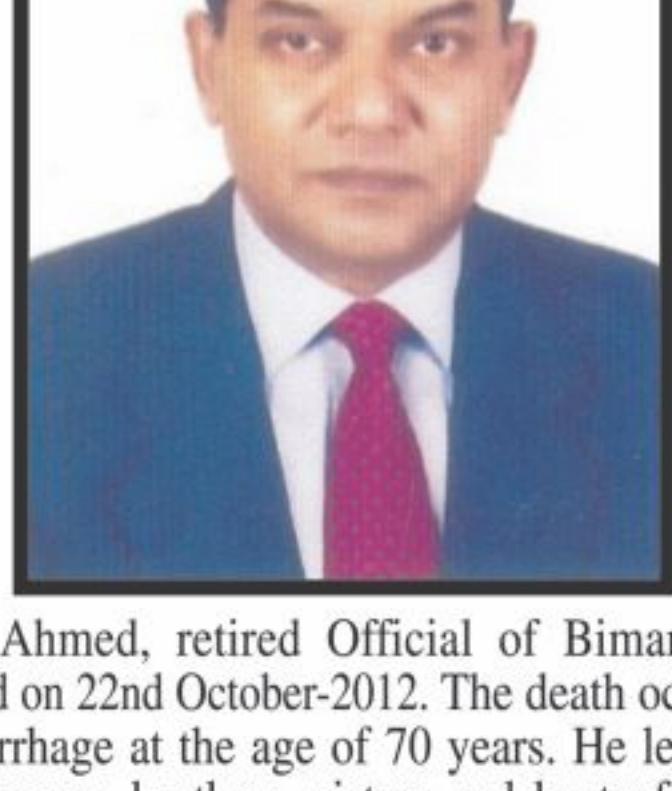
Dr Milon Day will be observed today marking the 22nd death anniversary of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon.

On this day in 1990, the cadres of the then autocratic ruler HM Ershad gunned down Dr Milon, the then joint secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association, on Dhaka University campus.

President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, in separate messages, paid rich tributes to the memory of Shaheed Milon.

Various programmes have been taken to observe the day. Awami League will place wreaths at the grave of Dr Milon at Dhaka Medical College at 7:00am while BNP at 8:00am.

Obituary



Aftabuddin Ahmed, retired Official of Biman-Bangladesh Airlines died on 22nd October-2012. The death occurred due to brain haemorrhage at the age of 70 years. He left behind one daughter, one son, brothers, sisters and host of relatives and friends to mourn his sudden demise. His namaj-e-janaza was held on the same day and he was buried at Uttara Sector-5 Graveyard.

Aftabuddin Ahmed started his service career in 1965 when he joined PIA and continued serving Biman till retirement in 2000. During his long career spanning about 35 years he worked in different locations both at home and abroad and held important assignments. He was an embodiment of honesty, integrity and truthfulness. To all his colleagues he was a role model - a man of highest dedication, sense of responsibility and honesty. Within the family and friends Aftab always had the natural advantage of enjoying everyone's unstinted love and affection although his life. His human qualities added strength to his character and made his life a success.

Death has created a physical separation but Aftab will always remain in our heart for all times to come. May Almighty Allah bestow upon him His unending blessings and accord him a befitting place in heaven.

Aftab's 'Chelum' ceremony will be held on 30th November 2012 at 4-15 PM (bad-Asar) at his house # 29, Road # 4, Sector-5, Uttara, Dhaka.

You are invited to attend.
Members of the Family

Seven Shibir men held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday detained seven activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir with iron rods and sticks near Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in the port city when they gathered for "creating anarchy".

They are Abdulla-al-Mamun alias Faisal, Jasim Uddin Manik, Nurul Huda, Sajjad Hossain, Shariful Islam Shahed, Mijanur Rahman and Jaiyal Abedin.

Some of the detainees are the students of Omargani MES College while the others are of International Islamic University Chittagong, police said.

On information, police nabbed the seven when some 50 people assembled in front of the CMCH cafeteria around 2:15pm, said Sub-Inspector (SI) Jahirul Islam, in-charge of CMCH police outpost.

During primary interrogation, the detainees confessed that they were Shibir activists and were waiting there for further instruction from their leaders for creating anarchy in the area, said Assistant SI Dipak Biswas of Panchlaish Police Station.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Thakurgaon

Abdul Jalil Chowdhury, former assistant teacher of Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital early yesterday. He was 86.

He left behind his wife, five sons and four daughters, a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried in Thakurgaon Old Graveyard in the municipality area after Maghrib prayers following a namaz-e-janaza held on the premises of Thakurgaon Government Boys' High School.

A good number of people including leaders of different political parties and social activists, teachers, students and common people attended his burial.



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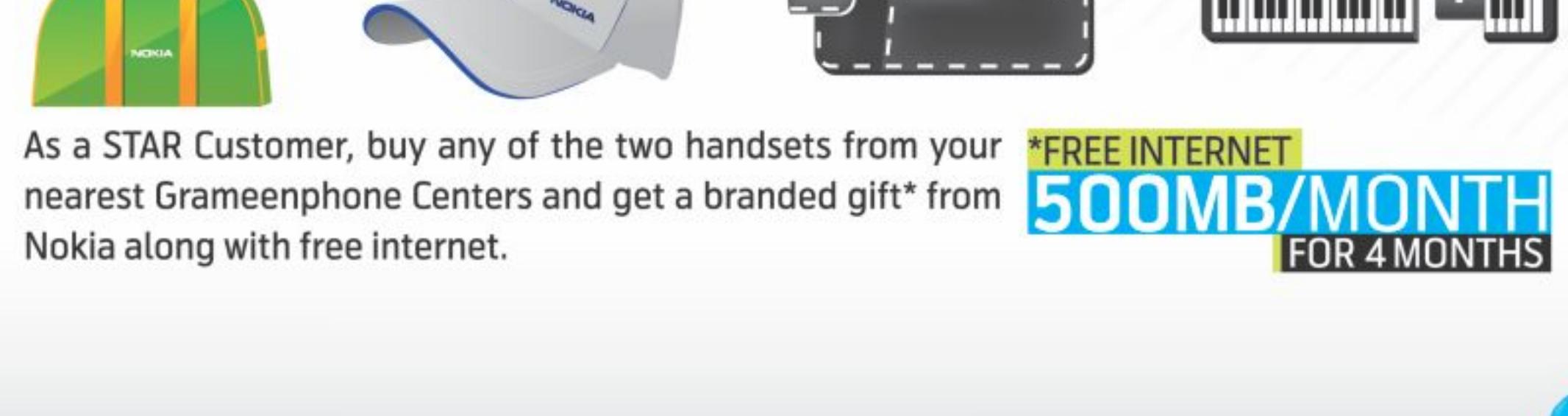
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