

NEWSIN brief

Changes to 3 more key posts in army

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government brought changes to three key positions in Bangladesh Army yesterday, two days after a reshuffle in 15 important posts, including military secretary to the president.

In a gazette, the defence ministry said Directorate General of Defence Purchase (DGDP) Maj Gen Masud Razzaq was made senior directing staff at National Defence College, while Maj Gen Kazi Fakhruddin Ahmed, who was the president's military secretary, took over as DGDP.

Brig Gen Maqsur Rahman, commandant of President Guard Regiment, was promoted to major general and made commandant of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training.

DU Kha unit admission test result published

DU CORRESPONDENT

The result of "Kha" (Humanities) unit admission test of Dhaka University under the session 2013-14 was published yesterday.

A total of 5,128 students came out successfully out of 36,837 aspirants who attended the exam on Friday, says a DU press release. The results will be available on www.admission.eis.du.ac.bd, while applicants can get the results through sending SMS to 16321 by typing du kha roll number. Date for interview of the selected applicants will be published later in newspapers.

Girl raped in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A seven-year-old girl was raped allegedly by one of her neighbours in her house in Narayanganj Sadar upazila on Monday.

Police arrested Yusuf Ali, 40, of Paschim Talla area, following a case filed by the victim's mother.

According to the case statement, the mother was at her workplace when Yusuf went to the house in the afternoon and sent her two other kids to a nearby shop to get some food and meanwhile raped her daughter.

Hearing the girl's screaming, neighbours rescued her, caught Yusuf and handed him over to Fatullah model police. The girl was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for a medical examination.

Confce of BGB, BSF members' wives ends in India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 12-member delegation of Sheemanto Paribar Kalyan Samity (SPKS), an association of the wives of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members, attended a six-day bilateral conference in New Delhi, India that ended yesterday, says a press release.

During the visit, SPKS members, headed by its chief patron Begum Dilshad Nahar Aziz, discussed issues to strengthen peace on both sides of the border with BSF Wives' Welfare Association (BWWA), headed by its president Sudha Joshi.

Dyeing factory gutted in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A dyeing factory was gutted by a fire in Konabari BSCIC industrial area of Gazipur city yesterday.

The fire started in a room on the third floor of the factory, Riad Dyeing, around 8:00am and soon engulfed the entire factory, said fire service officials. However, they could not ascertain the reason behind the fire immediately.

Fire fighters doused the blaze after an hour long effort.

'Arms trader' held with two pistols

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested an alleged arms trader and seized two pistols, three magazines and four bullets from his possession near Monolova restaurant in the capital's Airport Rail Station area on Monday night.

The arrestee is Shamim Alam, 22, of Kawniya of Rangpur.

Shamim carried the arms from Rangpur to sell those to one of his clients in Dhaka, said Rab officials.

Cop goes to jail for taking bribe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent a sub-inspector of Mirpur Model Police Station to jail following his surrender before the court seeking bail in a graft case in which he was earlier sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment in absentia.

Judge Md Motahar Hossain of the Special Judge's Court-3 passed the order against convicted SI Rakibul Hassan.

On September 3 this year, the same court gave the verdict.

The court also fined him Tk 10,000, in default to suffer two months more in jail.

According to the prosecution, the accused demanded Tk 5 lakh as bribe from one Ferdous Ara to arrest some criminals after she had filed a case against five people on December 3, 2010.

Following the demand, Ferdous Ara gave Tk 15,000 to Hassan the same day, but he demanded more money repeatedly over cellphone.

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AL lawmaker Kamal Majumder acquitted of graft charges

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday acquitted ruling Awami League lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder of graft charges in a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission in 2007.

Judge Fozila Begum of Special Judge Court-6 passed the order as the prosecution failed to prove the charges brought against the AL leader.

However, Public Prosecutor Advocate Kabir Hossain told The Daily Star that the charges brought against the accused were proved based on statements of 25 witnesses, including the complainant, but the judge acquitted the accused.

"I am not satisfied with the judgement and will write to the ACC chairman to file an appeal against the verdict," he said.

After cross-examination of all 25 prosecution witnesses, the judge handed down the verdict in the presence of the accused.

The ACC filed the case against Kamal and his wife Shahida on September 24, 2007, during the caretaker government regime.

Shahida was acquitted when the High Court quashed the proceedings against her on August 28, 2008.

In the case statement, ACC Deputy Director Md Morshed Alam said Kamal was charged with acquiring wealth of Tk 10 crore illegally and concealing wealth statement of Tk 7.19 crore from the ACC.

Kamal's wife was charged with assisting him in acquiring illegal wealth.

On February 20, 2008, ACC Deputy Director Abdul Karim, also the investigation officer of the case, pressed charges against Kamal and Shahida.

The court framed charges against the couple on May 25, 2008.

The army arrested Kamal Majumder from his Banani residence on January 11, 2007 when the then President Iajuddin Ahmed declared the state of emergency.

On August 13, 2008, the High Court granted bail to Kamal.

Jubo League leader shot dead in Munshiganj

One arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A leader of Jubo League, youth front of the ruling Awami League, was shot dead by unknown assailants at Ratanpur of Sadar upazila in Munshiganj yesterday.

Police arrested a youth, Sabuj, in this regard.

The deceased, Sadek Hossain Sheikh, 40, son of Ali Siddique Sheikh of West Ratanpur, was president of ward no 1 unit in Panchasar union.

Police and family said the culprits shot Sadek around 8:00pm while he was walking along the road.

Later, he was rushed to Munshiganj General Hospital where the doctor declared him dead, they said.

Protesting the killing, Jubo League activists demonstrated in the town.

Police said Sadek had a dispute with the locals – Nur Hossain, Aner, and Sabuj – over land; and the murder might have been occurred following it.



Journalists and photographers block a portion of the capital's Purana Paltan intersection to protest an alleged assault on banglanews24.com's photojournalist by an ansar man in front of the police box there yesterday. The demonstration caused an ensuing traffic chaos at the intersection, inset, which did not clear up until about an hour later.

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CLIMATE-INDUCED CATASTROPHES

Bangladesh fifth most vulnerable in 2 decades

Says new CRI report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has ranked fifth among 10 countries most vulnerable to climate change-induced natural disasters in the last two decades from 1993 to 2012, according to a new report.

During the period, Bangladesh suffered damages worth US\$1,832.70 million, wrought by 242 types of natural catastrophes, states the Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2014.

Germanwatch, a German based non-profit research organisation, prepared the report with the assistance of Munich Re Foundation, another German-based organisation, ahead of

the UN climate conference 2013, which kicked off Monday at Warsaw, Poland.

Haiti, the Philippines, and Pakistan are the three countries most affected in 2012.

In the report, Germanwatch asked the international community to make the Warsaw climate talks a turning point by starting immediately to reinforce its efforts in addressing climate change and the consequential losses, which are increasing.

The CRI report says, "The COP19 must make commitments towards establishing a consolidated international response for instance in the form of a mechanism."

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ACC CASES AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Pro-BNP lawyers want cancellation of mandatory govt permission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP lawyers yesterday demanded that the government immediately cancel the amended Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) law's provision that requires the anti-graft body to take government's permission before filing graft cases against public servants.

This provision has been incorporated to protect corrupt government officials, and those who assisted the ministers and Awami League leaders to commit corruptions in the last five years, alleged AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, secretary general of pro-BNP lawyers' body Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (JAF).

He was speaking at a press conference organised by JAF at south hall of the Supreme Court Bar Association

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Customs officials of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport seized 320 gold bars weighing around 37kg from under passenger seats of a Qatar Airways flight in the capital yesterday. No one was arrested in this connection.

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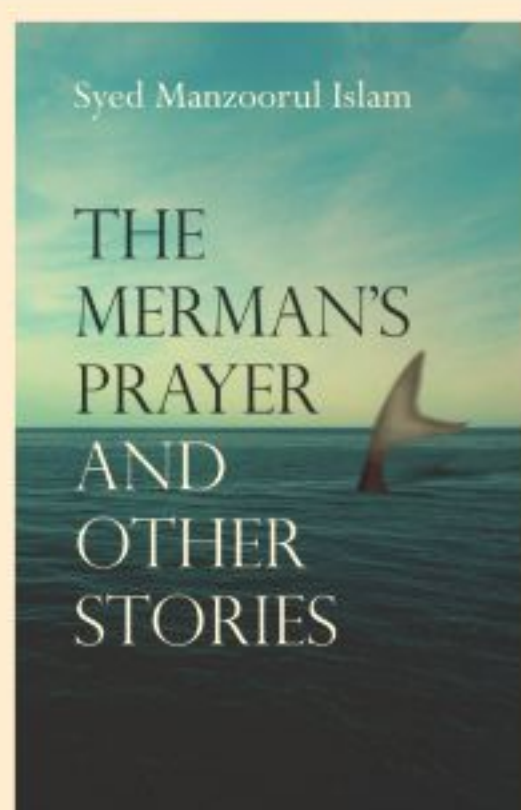
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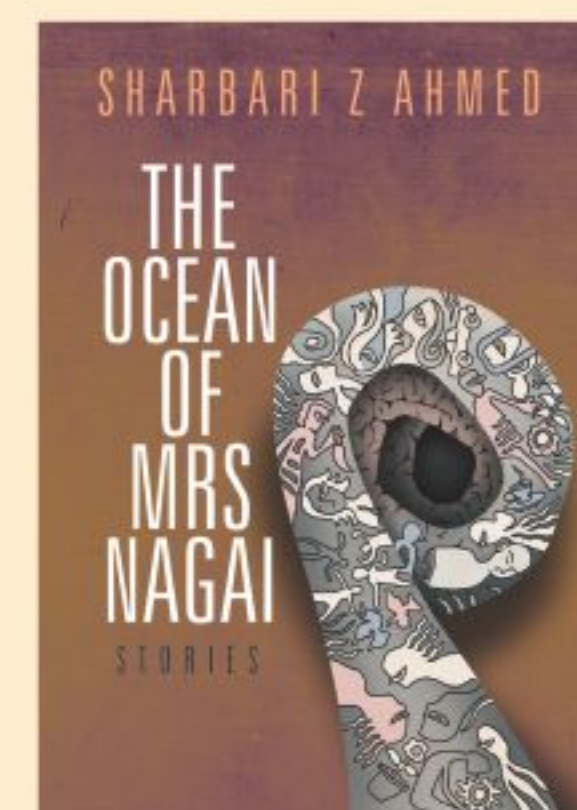


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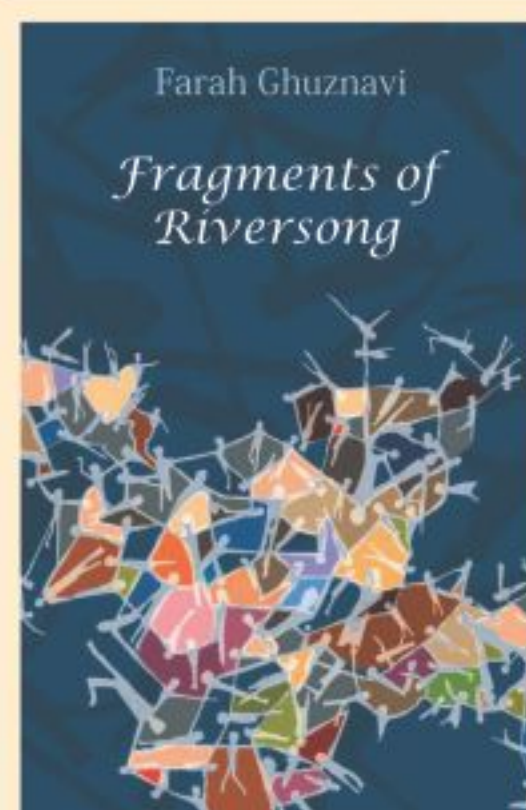


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