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Fake freedom fighters, war crimes suspect to 'ensure welfare' of war heroes

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, a welfare organisation for Liberation War heroes, now has fake freedom fighters and even a war crimes suspect in its central command council.

Mahbubul Haque Chisty alias Babul Chisty, accused of killing a freedom fighter in 1971 and allegedly a member of the notorious auxiliary force Al-Badr, has been elected secretariat member of the council. As if that were not enough, Wahidur Rahman and SM Mortuja Hossain, who have no record of recognition as freedom fighters, have been elected vice-chairmen. They allegedly managed false certificates of war heroes to get into the organisation and run for the posts. With a total of 1,52,078 voters

Real freedom fighters had sold themselves to power and money.

NAJMUL HASSAN PAKHI
a freedom fighter

across the country, the election was held on June 4 and the gazette on the result was published on Monday.

Thanks to the flow of money and influence of the local administration and people's representatives in some cases, the election placed some dubious figures, including the three, at the helm of such a prestigious organisation.

The trio contested from the Maj Gen (retd) GH Morshed Khan-led panel that secured all the posts of the central command council, the 41-man body to steer the organisation.

Three other panels -- led by Maj (retd) Zia Uddin, Maj (retd) Wakar Hassan and Abdul Ahad Chowdhury -- failed to bag a single post.

Hamidul Islam, who lost his brother and father during the Liberation War, filed a case against

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Shakib at it again

SPORTS REPORTER

As Bangladesh were being humbled by an under-strength India at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, there was reportedly another one-sided fight going on behind the scenes. And if you have followed Bangladesh cricket, you



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Jobs for 19 lakh in next fiscal yr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 19 lakh people are likely to get new jobs in the next fiscal year, as the government has set a target of employment generation based on GDP growth and manpower export, according to a planning ministry estimate.

"Higher GDP growth generates higher employment for the people," Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said yesterday at a press briefing, organised for the first time to highlight his ministry's activities before the media.

Explaining the employment generation

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PHOTO: REUTERS

France forward Karim Benzema celebrates after scoring his second goal during their 3-0 victory over Honduras in the World Cup Group E match at the Beira Rio stadium in Porto Alegre yesterday.

Benzema propels France

AFP, Porto Alegre

France beat 10-man Honduras 3-0 in a bruising World Cup clash on Sunday where goal-line technology awarded the first international goal in history.

Three minutes into the second period, the German-manufactured GoalControl system was called into action when a volley from Karim Benzema, who ended the night with two goals, came back off the post.

The ball bounced back into the area before hitting Honduras goalkeeper Noel Valladares. He then tried to scoop the ball to safety, but Brazilian referee Sandro Ricci awarded the goal -- classed as an own-goal -- after consulting the instant technology.

Benzema was the star man as he opened the scoring from the penalty

spot after Wilson Palacios had been sent-off for two bookable offences on Paul Pogba. Benzema then played a major role in his side's historic second goal and the Real Madrid striker rounded off a fine afternoon with an emphatic finish 18 minutes from time.

Victory moves Didier Deschamps'

FRANCE 3 (Benzema 45-pen, 72, Valladares 48-own goal) HONDURAS 0

men above Switzerland on goal difference in Group E after the Swiss beat Ecuador 2-1 earlier in the day with the two European sides set to meet next on Friday in Salvador.

The game had begun in bizarre circumstances as neither sides' national

anthem was sung before kick-off, but normality was restored once proceedings got underway as France dominated from the off.

Blaise Matuidi had the first clear chance on 15 minutes when Mathieu Valbuena's free-kick was only partially cleared and the Paris Saint-Germain midfielder's effort was brilliantly turned onto the bar by Valladares.

Antoine Griezmann was then also denied by the crossbar for Les Bleus as he rose highest to meet Patrice Evra's cross but his header clipped the woodwork on its way over.

Benzema saw another good opportunity fly over moments later as he headed off target after a fine counter-attack involving Matuidi, Griezmann and Valbuena.

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Nur Hossain, centre, the prime accused in the Narayanganj seven-murder, and his two "accomplices" being taken to a police station after their arrest in Kolkata on Saturday.

Nur Hossain will be brought home

Says state minister for home; Kolkata police take seven-murder accused on remand; demo in N'ganj demanding quick repatriation

STAR REPORT

The government has "started the process" to bring back Nur Hossain, the prime accused in the sensational seven-murder in Narayanganj, who was arrested in Kolkata on Saturday night.

"... He [Hossain] will be brought back," State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan told reporters at the secretariat yesterday. He said Bangladesh and India have an extradition treaty which should make things easier for him to be

brought back.

He did not elaborate what the Bangladesh government had done to get Nur Hossain back in the country.

Meanwhile, relatives of the murder victims and locals held demonstrations in Narayanganj yesterday demanding that Nur Hossain be brought back immediately.

A Kolkata court yesterday placed Nur Hossain and his two associates on an eight-

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