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Promotion for commotion

Top-heavy civil bureaucracy awaits another wholesale promotion of around 300 'deprived' officials

HASAN JAHIH TUSHER

The already top-heavy civil bureaucracy is set to get even heavier, as the government is going for another mass promotion to the ranks of additional, joint and deputy secretaries amid allegations of lobbying and nepotism over promotions.

Around 300 officials, mostly from the admin cadre, are to be elevated to higher positions soon apparently to ease commotion among the officials who have been denied promotion several times, said sources at the public administration ministry.

The number would double if the government decides to promote the senior assistant secretaries belonging to the 21st and 22nd batches of Bangladesh Civil Service. At least 442 officials of the two batches, who completed 12 years of service, are eligible to be deputy secretary.

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RANK	TOTAL POSTS	NUMBER OF OFFICIALS
Deputy Secretary	830	1,301
Joint Secretary	350	908
Additional Secretary	120	416
OSD		300



With both her hands paralysed, Arifa Akhter writes on an answer sheet with her right foot at an exam hall of Lalmonirhat Boys' High School on the first day of SSC exams yesterday. The 16-year-old was a bit slow but many of her classmates said her writing was neater than theirs.

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ISLAMABAD MISSION
Bangladeshi staff missing for hours, returns safely
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A staff member of Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad returned safely early today, around seven hours after he went missing in the Pakistan capital.

Jahangir Hossain, personal officer at the press wing of the high commission, had been missing since around 6:00pm (Pakistan time).

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Suhrah Hossain confirmed to The Daily Star around 2:15am that Jahangir has

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Huge ammunition haul in Sherpur

41,000 bullets, 3 rifles, parts of anti-aircraft gun found underground

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

Rapid Action Battalion recovered an astounding 41,000 bullets at Burungya Kalapani Pahar of Sherpur's Nalitabari upazila yesterday.

They also recovered three rifles, three parts of a heavy machine gun, two parts of an anti-aircraft gun, 10-15 machine gun bullets, 10 long- and short-range walkie-talkies, a sniper's optical scope, and magazines stuffed in boxes inside plastic barrels.

The stash was buried underground in the barrels at a hill near the Indian border.

"Considering the location and all other circumstantial evidence, it appears that the seized cache of arms and ammunition were of an Indian insurgent group," said security analyst Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Rashid.

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A huge cache of ammunition along with rifles, walkie-talkies and bullet boxes recovered in a Rab drive in Burungya Kalapani Pahar area of Sherpur yesterday.

'SEXUAL ABUSE' Court orders judicial probe into SI's role

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered a judicial inquiry into the allegation of sexual abuse of a university student by a sub-inspector in the capital.

SI Ratan Kumar and two other cops of Adabor Police Station stopped her rickshaw around 3:00pm on Sunday while she was going to a bookstore on Noorjahan Road, confined her to an electronics shop in Mohammadpur and harassed her for 45 minutes, accusing her of being a yaba peddler, the girl said.

The first year student of Asha University yesterday filed a case against the cops with the Fourth Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression.

Judge Md Salehuddin Ahmed ordered

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Scope widens for dual citizenship

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft of "The Citizenship Law, 2016," expanding the scope of having dual citizenship by expatriate Bangladeshis.

This is applicable to Bangladesh nationals living in all countries across the world save for nine -- seven Saarc countries and neighbouring Myanmar, and Israel with which Bangladesh has no diplomatic ties, according to the draft law.

Currently, Bangladeshi expats living in the UK and the US can obtain dual citizenship.

According to the draft, one would not be eligible for obtaining or retaining citizenship if he/she expresses loyalty to any foreign countries, fights against Bangladesh by joining forces of a foreign country or collaborates with that force and stays in Bangladesh as an illegal migrant.

Also, one is not eligible to be a Bangladeshi by ancestry if his/her father or mother joins a military or para-military or any other force of a foreign country and fights against Bangladesh or denies the existence of Bangladesh, or engages in anti-Bangladesh activities, reads the draft, obtained by The Daily Star.

Anyone obtaining Bangladeshi citizenship by giving false and distorted information or by hiding information would face up to five years in prison or a fine of Tk 1 lakh or both, said Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiq

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Pakistan high commission staff held, freed later
High commission accuses police of harassment
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday held a staff member of Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka for "suspicious movement" and later freed him.

Maruf Hossain Sarder, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the staff member was carrying 3,500 Indian rupees, and police were interrogating him to know

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