



## NEW CEC

# Ex-secretary for sure?

President to get names of two today from search committee

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The search committee is likely to pick two former secretaries from a list of five for the post of chief election commissioner in the next Election Commission.

The final decision in this regard may come at a meeting of the six-member committee at 5:00pm today at the Supreme Court Judges' Lounge. The panel, however, was yet to decide whether it would make the names public, one of its members said on condition of anonymity.

The five names discussed by the panel are M Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, former cabinet secretary; MA Karim, ex-principal secretary to the prime minister; Shaikh Wahiduzzaman, former principal secretary to the PM; Ikram Ahmed, ex-chairman of Bangladesh Public Service Commission; and Nurul Huda, ex-inspector general of police, said the panel member.

The Daily Star, however, could not verify this independently.

Pointing out the reason behind preferring ex-bureaucrats for the CEC post, the panel member said bureaucrats have experience of working at upazila, district and division levels. This would prove helpful in discharging the duties of the CEC, who needs to have control over the field-level administration.

For the posts of election commissioner, the panel has discussed, among others, the names of Jesmin Tuli, ex-additional secretary to the EC; Kabita Khanam, a former judge; Nur Mohammad, former IGP; and AT Ahmedul Huq Choudhury, former chairman of the PSC. Some former army officials may also be recommended, according to the panel member.

Talking to this newspaper yesterday, Joyнал Abedin, press secretary to the president, said the panel is scheduled to

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A demonstrator in London holds a placard beside a child during a march on Saturday against US President Donald Trump and his temporary ban on entry of refugees and nationals from seven Muslim-majority countries to the US.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Appeals court rejects Trump's request to restore travel ban

REUTERS, Washington/Beirut

A US appeal court late on Saturday denied a request from the Department of Justice to immediately restore an immigration order from President Donald Trump barring citizens from seven mainly Muslim countries and temporarily banning refugees.

The court ruling dealt a further setback to Trump, who has denounced the judge in the state of Washington who blocked his executive order on Friday. In tweets and comments to reporters, the president has insisted he will get the ban reinstated.

Trump says the 90-day travel ban on citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, and a 120-day bar on all refugees, are necessary to protect the United States from Islamist militants. Critics say the measures are unjustified and discriminatory.

The judge's order and the appeal ruling have created what may be a short-lived opportunity for travellers from the seven affected countries to get into the United States while the legal uncertainty continues.

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## BCIC rejoinder, our reply

The Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) has sent a rejoinder to a report "Even a ship full of fertiliser vanishes," published on 27/01/17 on page 1 in The Daily Star. We are publishing the full text of the rejoinder with our reply paragraph by paragraph.

BCIC: The attention of BCIC authority has been drawn to a news item published under headline "Even a ship full of fertiliser vanishes" in your esteemed Daily of 27/01/2017 at page 1. The factual information on the above news is furnished below with a request to publish the same in the next issue of The Daily Star.

The news regarding Maheswari is not true

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## JOURNO KILLING Accused mayor held in city

Local AL suspends him

STAR REPORT

Police last night arrested Shahzadpur municipality Mayor Halimul Haque Miru, prime accused in the journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul murder case.

A team of Sirajganj police picked him up around 8:25pm at the capital's Shyamoli, said

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## FALL OF A STAR

### Suranjit leaves a big void in parliamentary affairs

STAR REPORT

Seasoned politician, parliamentarian Suranjit Sengupta is no more.

A freedom fighter, eight-time lawmaker and one of the youngest members of country's 34-member constitution framing committee, Suranjit died at 4:24am yesterday at Labaid Hospital in the capital after prolonged illness. He was 72.

The witty public speaker, arguably one of the best in contemporary parliamentary history of Bangladesh, left behind his wife Joya Sengupta, only son Shoumen Sengupta, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives, admirers, followers and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was suffering from cancer that led to the collapse of his central nervous system, Saifur Rahman Lenin, assistant general manager (corporate communications) of the hospital, told The Daily Star.

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## সুবিধা যেমনই চাই, হিসাব একটাই

আমার একাউন্ট বাংলাদেশে ১ম গ্রাহকবান্ধব ওয়ান স্টপ একাউন্ট, যাতে এক একাউন্টেই অনেক সুবিধা একীভূত করা হয়েছে। তাই এটি দেশের ব্যাংকিং ইতিহাসে এক অসাধারণ একাউন্ট।

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সরকারি চাকরিজীবীদের জন্য বিশেষ সেবা : ১ ঘণ্টায় লোন (ওভারড্রাফট)

বিস্তারিত জানতে ফোন করুন : ১৬২৫৫ (মোবাইল থেকে) অথবা ০৯৬৬৬৭ ১৬২৫৫ | আসুন আইএফআইসি ব্যাংক-এর যেকোনো শাখায়

This day in 2003, we lost our beloved & honorable Director **Late Shah Rafiqul Islam (Titu)**. We mourn his pre-mature death. With our distressed heart, we pray to Almighty Allah for his eternal peace. May Allah bless him. Ameen.

**All Employees**

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

**Late Shah Rafiqul Islam (Titu)**  
Death: 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2003

In 2003, on this very day, you left us at the will of Almighty Allah the Beneficent. Your pre-mature departure has made us and many of your relations overwhelmed with grief. It is straining that you are not in this mundane world with us. But we are feeling your existence by remembering the tender-aged days of your life.

We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of his departed soul and request all friends, relatives, well-wishers to pray for him from the core of their heart.

May Allah the Beneficent bless you with the eternal bliss of paradise. Ameen.

**Bereaved members of the family**